

Europe backs Britain over Syrian terror

Europe delivered a stern rebuke to Syria, with all EEC nations except Greece agreeing to an arms sales ban

The French Prime Minister five times tried to "buy" the silence of a newspaper over the Hindawi case

The decision, taken by the EEC foreign ministers in London, treats as true the evidence collected by the British security services and the Metropolitan Police

Mr Jean-Bernard Raimond, the French Foreign Minister, said he did not interpret the sanctions as a rebuke to the Syrian Government

He said Greece's decision to dissociate itself would have little practical effect

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Thatcher ignores election stories

By Robin Oakley Political Editor

The Prime Minister left open all her general election options last night when she addressed the Lord Mayor's Banquet in the Guildhall

Despite widespread predictions that she would use the occasion to damp down speculation about an early election, Mrs Thatcher's only reference to the subject was that she would not step down early in the next Parliament should she be re-elected

Apparently, Mrs Thatcher believes MPs and commentators are so obsessed with the thought of an early election that nobody would take any notice if she did rule it out

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Threat to throw prison warder off roof



The captive warder, bottom left, sits and listens as his captors threaten to throw him off the roof of Peterhead Jail

Baker steps into teachers' talks

By Mark Dowd, Education Reporter

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Murderer on run as siege goes on

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Security in British jails worsened yesterday with three prisoners, one a murderer, on the run and a prison officer held hostage for a second day at top security Peterhead Prison, near Aberdeen

Inmates holding the officer brought him out on to the roof before watching reporters and threatened to throw him off unless they were allowed access to a telephone

His captors shouted: "Get us a photo or he gets it" Two chalk messages also appeared on the roof - "we want phone" and "phone or trouble"

Some wearing hoods to conceal their identity, they shouted their threat to reporters outside the jail, which houses some of Britain's most violent criminals

The inmates are believed to be protesting about alleged brutality at the jail

Last night, Mr Ian Lang, Scottish Office Minister for Home Affairs, said he had asked Mr Tam Bevan, the Chief Inspector of Prisons, to visit Peterhead to look into alleged grievances

The convicted murderer - Norman David, aged 27, absconded yesterday from Suddry open prison in Exeter with his 15-year-old son

Two inmates from Erisstock youth custody centre, near Devizes, Wiltshire, were on the run yesterday after cutting their way through a perimeter fence

John Steed, the mechanic from Penge, south London, who was dubbed the M4 rapist after a series of attacks on women in southern England last autumn, was given four life sentences, plus 20 years imprisonment, at the Central Criminal Court yesterday

Mr Steed, 37, was charged with rape, sexual assault and indecent exposure

Later the same judge imposed two life sentences on Robert Demester, who admitted raping two women within five days in May, soon after being freed from jail

Tomorrow



THE THIN BLUE LINE Today's police constables may be catching a poacher one day and coping with a riot the next. How are they trained?

Portfolio

Yesterday's £4,000 daily prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition was won outright by Miss M Bergvall of Sheffield

There is a further £4,000 to be won today. Portfolio list page 31; rules and how to play, information service, page 24

Molotov dead

The former Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Vyacheslav Molotov has died, official Soviet sources said last night

Robson's plan

Bobby Robson, the England football manager, said his tactics for tomorrow's European championship game against Yugoslavia would be centred on Glenn Hoddle, the midfielder player dropped last week by his club, Tottenham Hotspur

England saved

Bad light and an unbeaten innings of 40 by Ian Botham helped the England cricket team avoid defeat against Western Australia

Credit record

Borrowing by shoppers, particularly with bank credit cards, reached a record £2.91 billion in September, as retail sales continued to boom

More and more companies are using academic research to create new business in Britain

A Special Report on technology transfer

Table with 4 columns: Home News, Overseas, Sports, Arts, etc. and 2 columns: Diary, Law reports, etc.

Editor says Chirac tried to buy silence

From Michael Binyon, Washington

M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, made five separate approaches to The Washington Times in an attempt to "buy" its silence

The paper said that Paris had threatened that if the interview were published, they would denounce it as a "plot" organized by the CIA and the Unification Church

Mr Chirac said: "Let's take the Syrian affair. I spoke to both Kohl and Hans-Dietrich Genscher about it. I don't go as far as they do, but their thesis is that the Hindawi plot was a provocation designed to embarrass Syria"

Securities director resigns

A senior dealer at Morgan Grenfell Securities, part of Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, last night handed in his resignation after what was described as "a breach of staff rules"

Morgan Grenfell Securities Holdings said that, "following his admitted breach of staff rules, Mr Geoffrey W Collier has tendered his resignation as a director of that company and its affiliated companies and that such resignation has been accepted with immediate effect"

The bank said that the whole matter had been reported to the Stock Exchange which would decide what further action, if any, should be taken

Big TV campaign to combat Aids

By Thomson Prentice and Philip Webster

Government ministers are expected to approve at a Cabinet meeting today a television campaign on Aids and the spending of millions of pounds more on education about the risks of the disease

The inaugural meeting of the committee, set up to tackle the problems of controlling the spread of Aids, will have the question of television advertising at the top of its agenda

Sandhurst Sultan hosts royal visit

From Alan Hamilton Muscat, Oman

The Prince and Princess of Wales today begin a tour of the Middle East with a four-day visit to the Sultanate of Oman, one of Britain's closest remaining allies in the region, which is ruled by a Sultan trained at Sandhurst and in the Camerons and who has a house in Berkshire

The royal couple travelled to Muscat aboard an RAF VC10 from Brize Norton, Oxfordshire, shadowed for part of its journey by an RAF Nimrod and two Phantom jets

Sir Gordon Richards dies

By John Young

Sir Gordon Richards, probably the world's greatest jockey, died suddenly yesterday at his home in Kimbury, Berkshire. He was 82

The Queen, whose horse he beat to win the 1953 Coronation Year Derby and fulfil a lifelong ambition, spoke of her "great sadness" at his death

Buckingham Palace said the Queen would send a private message to Sir Gordon's family

Tributes to Sir Gordon, who rode 4,870 winners in a career spanning 35 years, poured in last night

Willie Carson, the top jockey, described him as "the best jockey ever" - he was pure magic. I rate him the greatest of all riders through history"

And Lester Piggott, who took over Sir Gordon's mantle, said: "He was the best of them"

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CBI called hypocrites by Labour

By Edward Townsend Industrial Correspondent

A fierce Labour attack on the confederation of British industry for its "political hypocrisy" was delivered yesterday - the first day of the organization's annual conference in Bournemouth

Mr John Smith, Shadow Trade and Industry spokesman, attending the conference as an observer said that Mr David Nickson, the CBI president, was wrong to say in his speech that the organization was non-political

This year, the CBI leadership has been more outspoken than before in supporting Conservative policies

Mr Smith said that remarks made by Sir Terence Beckett, director general of the CBI, in an interview with The Times last week that a Labour Government would mean "a return to the mayhem of the 1970s" were silly

Mr Smith's comments, the conference was treated to a message of reconciliation and a plea for collaboration from Mr Gavin Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union and the first trade unionist to speak at a CBI conference

He told the 700 delegates of the need for a union-industry partnership to "make our country more successful, more competitive, to be seen together as advocates in those things that we have in common"

Mr Laird, who received prolonged applause, said: "Trade union leaders want to deal with successful firms not ones constantly on the breadline - our joint industrial strategy and Britain's entry to the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System were passed almost unanimously. Conference reports, page 4 Gavin Laird, page 20 Life after Sidney, page 25

Control your pleasure advertisement for Bang & Olufsen. Text: Few things in life will give you more pleasure over the years than the true-to-life sound of a Bang & Olufsen hi-fi system... Image: A Bang & Olufsen hi-fi system including a speaker and a control panel.

NEWS SUMMARY

£1.1m plea for hard-hit palaces

The Department of Environment has asked the Government for an extra £1.1 million to make up for losses at London's royal palaces this summer, as terrorism fears kept thousands of American tourists away.

Worst hit was the Tower of London, where the number of visitors this summer fell by 400,000 to 1,840,000, compared with last year. At Hampton Court numbers were down from 1,710,000 to 1,310,000, partly because some would-be visitors believed the palace had been completely destroyed by a fire which in fact damaged only some parts of the building.

Lord Skelmersdale, a junior minister for the environment, said that the extra money was the minimum necessary to cover a shortfall in receipts and emergency expenditure of £100,000 after the Hampton Court Palace fire.

Loyalists mobilize

Hundreds of "loyalists" attended the launch last night of the Ulster Resistance Movement which aims to mobilize thousands of men in protests against the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

Mr Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, was at the ceremony in the Ulster Hall, Belfast, at which Protestant clergymen dedicated one standard.

IRA van found

Police in the Irish Republic yesterday discovered a van containing four mortars, hidden in a barn four miles from the border by the Provisional IRA.

The roof had been cut off the vehicle, which was found near Swallow Bar in Co. Cavan in preparation for an attack on security forces across the border. No ammunition was discovered but a CB radio was in the Ulster-registered van.

NGA fined £4,000

A High Court judge gave a sharp warning yesterday to trade unions which "drag their feet" in obeying court orders when he fined the National Graphical Association £4,000 for contempt of court.

Mr Justice Henry said the union knew it had to comply with an order to lift its blacking instruction on Kent Free Press last September, but had decided to do it in its "own good time".

He found the union to be responsible for the actions of Mr Ray Allen, Kent branch secretary, and Mr Adrian Ratcliffe, his deputy, and the "grudging compliance" with the order. He ordered the union to pay the costs of the action and gave it seven days to pay the fine.

Damages for singer

Jay Aston, aged 25, a former Backs Fizz singer, won libel damages in the High Court in London yesterday over allegations in the *Daily Mirror* and the *Daily Star* that she tried to steal her boss's husband.

The allegations were said to have formed part of a letter sent by the singer to Backs Fizz creator, Nicholas Martin, and her songwriting husband, Andy Hill. They appeared in the two newspapers on July 26 last year. The newspapers now recognized their mistake and agreed to pay the undisclosed damages.



TV team chosen

Miss Sheila Innes, the controller of BBC educational broadcasting since 1984, has been named chief executive of the new Open College, which intends to produce television programmes and course materials to teach the unemployed marketable skills.

Mr John Whitney, director-general of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, and Mr Jeremy Isaacs, chief executive of Channel 4, were named directors.

The Open College, which is seeking charitable status, hopes to be broadcasting by September 1987.

Future of Gurkhas for review

By Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent

An inquiry into the future of the Brigade of Gurkhas after Britain returns Hong Kong to Chinese rule in 1997 is to be held by the House of Commons Defence Committee.

Sir Humphrey Atkins, chairman of the committee, said yesterday that it was important to begin considering the implications for the Brigade, after the end of British sovereignty over the colony.

The committee expects to begin the investigation early in the new year and produce a report by Easter.

Of the 8,200 Gurkhas currently serving with the British Army, 5,500 are stationed in Hong Kong.

One of the colony's four battalions, which was formed in 1980 to combat an upsurge in illegal immigration from China, is due to be disbanded next year. The Ministry of Defence intends that there will be no compulsory redundancies.

The Government is committed to a continuing role for the Gurkhas after 1997, but the view within the Ministry of Defence is that it is too early to say how many of the troops will be needed or where they will serve.

It is government policy that they do not serve in Northern Ireland, partly because of the language problem, and, at the request of the Nepalese authorities, that they are not stationed in West Germany.

Pay action threat at Telecom

By Tim Jones

British Telecom employees were last night on a collision course with the company, after the clerical section of the National Communications Union voted by three to one to reject a 5 per cent pay offer.

Last week, the engineering section, responsible for installing and repairing telephones and other telecommunication equipment, also voted overwhelmingly to reject the 5.8 per cent offer made to them.

The union is pressing for a 10 per cent rise, claiming their demands are justified in view of British Telecom's "huge profits".

The union's national executive committee are to meet later this week to determine what form of industrial action to sanction. They could impose 24 hour stoppages or ban overtime.

TUC chief calls for partnership

Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, called last night for trade unionists to become more involved in company planning.

He said: "Properly understood, this is an opportunity for management, not a threat to management. Any industrial policy that fails to carry conviction with those who work in industry is doomed to failure, so a key element in the industrial policy equation is industrial democracy."

Mr Willis added: "In order to enhance the success of such a policy, there needs to be a true commitment to the tripartite approach to planning. We need agreed development plans between the Government, companies and trade unions to cover crucial issues such as employment, output and prices."

He claimed the various training and job creation schemes now in operation were not sufficient and that new measures should give all workers rights to training and education.

These could be financed, he said, by the establishment of a National Enterprise Board and National Investment Bank. "These two institutions together will play a key role."

"Although it is true that there is no shortage of money to invest, there is an increasing trend for fewer and fewer resources to be invested in British industry."

Chinook crash 'caused by one-off fault'

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Three Chinook helicopters, identical to the one which crashed off the Shetlands, could be back in full operation soon, but with important modifications.

British International Helicopters is awaiting the "all clear" from the Civil Aviation Authority to restart passenger flights to North Sea oil rigs, suspended since Britain's worst commercial helicopter disaster killed 45 oilmen last Thursday.

Accident investigators are close to proving that the mechanical fault which caused the huge Boeing 234 to fall from the sky was a "one-off" and was not caused by an inherent design fault.

But to prevent a recurrence they will want to ensure that the other three helicopters of a similar design in the fleet are checked and modified.

They have recovered all but a tiny portion of the crashed helicopter's front gearbox and rear combiner. They are convinced the fault lies in one of them.

These will be taken to the Accident Investigation Branch headquarters at Farnborough, Hampshire, for detailed examination.

Once the precise cause of the accident is known, the Civil Aviation Authority will be told and it, in turn, will advise the owners that it is safe to begin flying the sister aircraft in their fleet.

British International decided to stop all passenger flights with the Chinook until the first interim report of the accident board was made available.

Last night, Captain Graham Church, of the company, said: "We expect that the board will produce a preliminary report and that we will be able to get our helicopters back into the air soon."

Although it is almost certain what part of the helicopter's machinery failed, it is not clear why it failed.

The investigators at Farnborough will subject parts of the rotor transmission system to metallurgical tests and inspect the aircraft's maintenance record.

Plan to cut mortgage aid for jobless reconsidered

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government is to consider whether it should back down on its plan to cut mortgage assistance for unemployed homeowners in the face of a critical response to its proposal from the independent Social Security Advisory Committee.

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, and other senior ministers are pressing for the change, aimed at saving £30 million a year. But the Government would face an Opposition outcry if, for the second time in five months, it disregarded the independent committee set up in 1980 to advise ministers.

Under the plan, tabled in May, homeowners who become unemployed would have only half their mortgage interest paid through supplementary benefit. At the moment the full amount is paid for the first six months after the job is lost.

In the furore after the announcement, ministers were at pains to emphasize that the plan was only for consultation and that it had gone to the committee, the main advisory body for Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services. The committee's report is understood to express strong reservations.

The proposal brought protests from a wide range of bodies, including some which argued that the plan would add to the recent rise in mortgage arrears and repossessions.

The committee voiced strong doubts earlier this year over the Government's plans to cut "exceptional needs" payments to supplementary benefit claimants. But Mr Fowler disregarded the majority of its reservations when he made his decision in July.

Ministers are shortly to decide how to respond to the mortgage protection dilemma. A "halfway house" plan, under which the time for which the interest payments were halved was reduced to three months, appears most likely.

The attraction for ministers is that cutting the period by half would not in fact halve the savings the Government is attempting to make, because most of the benefit at present goes to people unemployed for only a few weeks.

That, however, would still lay it open to strong attack from the Opposition. Mr Michael Meacher, the shadow social services secretary, said in May that the plan would sentence thousands of people to homelessness as a penalty for being unemployed.

Mr Lawson, after the decision in the autumn statement to overshoot public spending targets, is anxious not to give the impression that the Government is easing up on other fronts as well.

Auditor rejects DHSS accounts

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

A Commons investigation is to be launched into the accounting system of the Department of Health and Social Security after a remarkable decision by Sir Gordon Downey, the Comptroller and Auditor General, out to endorse its key annual accounts.

4.3 per cent overspend on supplementary benefits, and a £23 million overspend on housing benefits. Both had been caused by inaccurate forecasts.

Mr Robert Sheldon, chairman of the PAC and a former financial secretary to the Treasury, said yesterday that for the auditor out to endorse a department's accounts was rare and most serious.

"We shall want to have the DHSS before the committee and we shall expect them to show us how they are putting this right for the future," he said. "We shall be wanting some pretty convincing explanations."

In evidence to the auditor, the DHSS has long argued that several benefit payments are often made to individuals in one transaction, and that accurate breakdowns of payments under each benefit system could therefore be acquired only at disproportionate cost. This approach had been "accepted" by the PAC in 1979/80. The auditor has consistently pressed the DHSS for an improved system.

Customs and Excise have written off VAT arrears of £203 million owed by companies that have gone out of business during 1985/86, the auditor revealed in a separate report yesterday. This is a 7 per cent increase on the previous year's figure.

The DHSS paid out a total of £36.5 billion in benefits last year, but relies on "estimates and statistical analysis methods" to decide how much of that total went in contributions to the National Insurance Fund and how much in non-contributory benefits financed by the taxpayer, and how much was paid out under each benefit.

Sir Gordon's report says these methods may lead to "significant misallocations". He refers to "evidence of inconsistencies between statistical information from different sources", and suggests that the breakdown of the £36.5 billion "is subject to a higher margin of uncertainty than usual".

His comments are thrown into sharp relief by subsequent references to a £313 million or



Mrs Queenie Fletcher, the mother of Woman Police Constable Yvonne Fletcher who was murdered by a Libyan gunman, showing some of the thousands of letters she has received as part of her campaign to get "all civilized governments" to stop the abuse of diplomatic immunity.

Next January she and her husband, Tim, of Shaftesbury, Wiltshire, will join other British families who have been victims of diplomatic crimes, at a special conference at the United Nations General Assembly.

In London yesterday, the parents of the WPC murdered more than two years ago outside the Libyan Embassy in London, spoke of the "overwhelming" support for the campaign they have vowed not to give up until the laws governing diplomatic immunity are changed.

They will present a petition to Mrs Thatcher next month and hope it will carry a million signatures.

Since the petition's British launch, at least 130,000 signatures have flooded in, but the campaign's main organizer, Mr Chuck Ashman, an American journalist who has spent the past few years compiling an international dossier on 400 victims of diplomatic crimes, said yesterday he hoped at least one million signatures would be on the petition.

Similar petitions have been launched in Australia, Canada and a national petition will be circulated throughout the United States later this week.

Sogat plea for levy in cash crisis

By Staff Reporters

Members of Britain's largest print union, Sogat '82, were warned last night that it was faced with financial ruin unless they agreed to the introduction of a 58p weekly levy for six months to support their colleagues in dispute with News International.

The warning was delivered by Miss Brenda Dean, general secretary, at a rally called to support the 5,500 print workers who went on strike and were dismissed last January.

According to Miss Dean, the union's "very being" is threatened by News International, which could render Sogat "bankrupt" if it sued for damages against injunctions the company has been granted in the High Court.

Arising from the sequestration of its assets, the union faces a £1.5 million bill and has already spent about £1 million in dispute benefit.

In addition, the union could face costs of up to £1 million if the company sues for damages.

Some union activists are concerned that their campaign is losing impetus because of the growing number of former employees who have approached the company for details of individual settlements.

More than 1,300 have already responded to a letter from Mr Rupert Murdoch, company chairman, and the deadline for acceptance has been extended.

Mr Murdoch has made it clear there will be no further negotiations with the unions.

A survey yesterday of the branch public libraries in the London Boroughs of Camden and Hammersmith and Fulham disclosed that all are now making copies of *The Times* available to their readers, after the High Court ruling ordering the authorities to end their ban.

In the case of the third authority affected by the ruling, Ealing, the council decided at the weekend to make the papers available.

The following is a list of branches where *The Times* and *The Sun* are available: CAMDEN: High Holborn (*The Times*); Holborn, both; Robert Street, (*The Times*); Camden Town, both; Chalk Farm, neither available in morning but (*The Times*) obtained later; Belsize, both; Swiss Cottage, neither; at the moment but we will have them; Kilburn, both; Kensal Town, closed for renovations; Queens Crescent and Heath branches, both; West Hampstead (*The Times*); St Pancras, temporarily closed; HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM: Shepherds Bush, (*The Times*); Acton Road, both; Hammersmith Centre, (*The Times*); no Sun, but normally stocked; Cleon Attlee, both; Fulham, both; Barons Court, both; Mueser, Fulham Palace Road, both; Sands End (*The Times*); 2a The Curve (*The Times*).

Labour in favour of team sport

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Labour party leaders dissociated themselves yesterday from left-wing educationalists and councils opposed to school teams because they foster competition not co-operation.

Mr Denis Howell, the shadow minister for sport, said: "Sporting excellence should be developed just as much as excellence in physics and mathematics."

Mr Howell, MP for Small Heath, Birmingham, was speaking at a party seminar in London attended by sports coaches, local authority officials and leaders of sporting bodies.

Mr Giles Radice, the shadow minister for education, said: "Any idea that the Labour party is against competition or the development of excellence is nonsense."

Labour's public support for the traditional inter-school sporting fixture contrasts with mounting concern, voiced chiefly by Tory backbenchers and the Central Council for Physical Recreation, that team games are dying out under the impact of egalitarian educational philosophies and spending cutbacks.

At the weekend, teachers in Wiltshire decided to end a school football league because they believed it was not doing enough to promote enjoyment.

Mr Howell said outside the seminar: "The purpose of education is to equip pupils for the world in which they are going to live. It's a very competitive world."

Subscription TV

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

The firm of consultants hired by the Home Office to explore a "pay-per-view" financing scheme is likely to recommend legislation requiring television manufacturers to begin equipping sets with the "peritlevision" sockets necessary for reception of subscription broadcasts.

In an interview on BBC Radio yesterday, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, confirmed that the Government hopes to introduce subscription TV to replace the licence fee.

He denied that the system would cause programmers to become more preoccupied with ratings, saying that pay-per-view TV would cater for minority audiences. It would not create a mass down-market audience, he said.

Mr Charles Jonscher, managing director of CSP International, the firm hired at a fee of more than £100,000 to look into subscription TV, said in an interview yesterday that peritlevision sockets were the key to implementing a new subscription service.

The sockets would allow consumers to plug in special equipment to provide a mechanism for consumers to select the programmes they wished, and be billed accordingly.

Mr Jonscher said that if subscription TV was found to be technically and economically feasible, it would be important to start preparing at once, as it could take years for the majority of sets now in use to be replaced by models with the special socket.

The Peacock report on financing the BBC, which recommended that peritlevision sockets be fitted to all sets sold after January 1988, estimated the additional cost per set at £25.

CSP, in order to develop its recommendation to the Government, has begun studying various technologies which could be used.

Next month, the firm will begin a series of interviews with consumers to find out whether they would be willing to accept a subscription system.

The study will use a different technique than the National Opinion Poll commissioned by the Peacock Committee, which found that most people would not be willing to pay even as much as the present licence fee if payment became voluntary.

Mr Jonscher said researchers would not poll hundreds of consumers but would assemble small "focus groups" at which the possibilities of subscription TV would be explained in detail.

He said that a move to a technically sophisticated subscription system could allow the BBC to introduce flexible pricing. The two basic BBC TV services could be sold together or separately. Special features, such as films or sporting events, could be made available at a premium.

Professor Alan Peacock, yesterday welcomed the news that the Government favours his recommendation for a voluntary subscription financing scheme to replace the licence fee. The BBC, however, has opposed subscriptions and wants the licence fee to continue.

The survey conducted by National Opinion Polls for the Peacock Committee showed that the public would be willing to pay for the BBC by subscription only if the price was lower than the present licence fee.

While 77 per cent would be willing to pay 60p weekly, about half the present licence fee of £8, only 45 per cent said they would be willing to pay £1.20 a week, which is £4.40 a year more than the licence fee.

If the BBC sought to raise the price of its service to £1.50 per week, or £20 more than the current fee, only 24 per cent said they would be willing to pay. At £2 per week, or £46 per year more than the licence, only 10 per cent would be willing to pay.

But Professor Peacock said the figures were misleading. "You are putting what for most people is a very hypothetical question. You are asking them what they would do in circumstances they find it difficult to envisage."

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Kinnock's ultimatum on Hatton expulsion

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

Labour councillors in Liverpool have been given two weeks to recognize the expulsion from the party of Mr Derek Hatton and other leading Militant supporters, or face stern disciplinary action themselves.

The ultimatum, decided on yesterday by Labour's appeals and mediation committee, throws up the prospect of a further battle between the Labour leadership and the Liverpool Militants, if the rebel councillors refuse to back down, with the possibility of more expulsions of members who refuse to toe the line.

A majority of the Labour ruling group at Liverpool have refused to accept the expulsion of Mr Hatton, its deputy leader, Mr Tony Mulhearn, and Miss Felicity Dowling, secretary of the district party, who yesterday been expelled.

Yesterday's committee meeting decided by 10 votes to one to give the group two weeks more, until the next meeting of Labour's national executive, to reconstitute itself and drop Mr Hatton as deputy leader.

So far, 21 of the 49-strong Labour group have replied to a letter from Mr Larry Whitty, the party's general secretary, saying that they are prepared to abide by party rules over the expulsions. If the others fail to do so they will face individual disciplinary action.

They will be called before the new national constitutional committee, set up at Blackpool, and if found guilty of breaking party rules they could face suspension or even expulsion.

Mr John Hamilton, leader of Liverpool council and the Labour group, appeared before yesterday's meeting.

Labour party leaders dissociated themselves yesterday from left-wing educationalists and councils opposed to school teams because they foster competition not co-operation.

Mr Howell, the shadow minister for sport, said: "Sporting excellence should be developed just as much as excellence in physics and mathematics."

Mr Howell, MP for Small Heath, Birmingham, was speaking at a party seminar in London attended by sports coaches, local authority officials and leaders of sporting bodies.

Mr Giles Radice, the shadow minister for education, said: "Any idea that the Labour party is against competition or the development of excellence is nonsense."

Labour's public support for the traditional inter-school sporting fixture contrasts with mounting concern, voiced chiefly by Tory backbenchers and the Central Council for Physical Recreation, that team games are dying out under the impact of egalitarian educational philosophies and spending cutbacks.

At the weekend, teachers in Wiltshire decided to end a school football league because they believed it was not doing enough to promote enjoyment.

Mr Howell said outside the seminar: "The purpose of education is to equip pupils for the world in which they are going to live. It's a very competitive world."

Doctor fined for failing to secure drugs

A doctor whose wife committed suicide, after helping herself to sleeping tablets from carrier bags of drugs he kept in their bedroom, was fined £250 by Bury magistrates yesterday.

Dr Jacques Tamin, aged 30, of Spring Vale, Prestwich, near Manchester, who runs his own general practice and is also a medical officer at Strangeways prison, Manchester, admitted failing to ensure that controlled drugs were kept in a locked receptacle.

He was also ordered to pay £25 costs after being told by magistrate Mr Alan Nisbet: "We are mindful of the fact that you have been considerably punished already."

When police searched the house after the death of Mrs Lynda Tamin, aged 26, they found 300 different drugs piled together, said Mrs Susan Carter, for the prosecution.

There were also four ampoules of class A controlled drugs, including morphine.

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Psychopathic killer saw mother raped when he was a child

By David Sapsted

The psychological development of killer and multiple rapist John Steed was affected by seeing his mother raped by his violent father when he was aged five, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Her struggles and screams and her three subsequent suicide attempts were instrumental to him eventually becoming a psychopath, Mr Robert Flach, for the defence, said.

Steed received four life sentences plus 20 years' imprisonment yesterday. Steed, aged 23, a mechanic, from Penge, south London, who was dubbed the "M4 Rapist" conducted a series of attacks on women in southern England last autumn, getting his victims to submit "through sheer, stark terror" the Recorder of London, Sir James Miskin, told the court.

for his behaviour, he added. The court had heard that, after each of the three rapes, Steed had threatened to kill his victims.

His final act came on November 4 last year when he picked up Miss Murray and another prostitute. "They were a couple of dimbos, I asked them to put on the

Miss Sharon Bovill, Steed's girl friend, kept a horrifying secret during his reign of terror, it was disclosed yesterday.

Each time he carried out a rape he told her every graphic detail. But she was so terrified of the powerful fitness fanatic who forced her to call him God, that she kept her silence. In her agony, the petite blonde even thought of killing him herself.

Miss Bovill, aged 21, who says she still loves Steed and has promised to stand by him, wept uncontrollably as he was led away to start his sentence.

Steed, who received additional sentences for abducting a woman on the M4 and for various car thefts, was arrested after a seven-week reign of terror following the killing of Miss Jacqueline Murray, aged 23, a prostitute, whom he had picked up in Mayfair, central London, and then, blasted at close range with a shotgun in nearby Park Lane who she tried to get out of his car.

He pushed Miss Murray into the road and she died shortly afterwards in hospital.

Steed, who pleaded guilty to the rapes, was said to have modelled himself on the film character of "Dirty Harry", the macho detective portrayed by Clint Eastwood.

At the time of the attacks, Steed was living with his Miss Sharon Bovill, his girl friend, aged 21.

Steed's first rape attack occurred when he picked up a girl, aged 20, at a bus stop in Croydon, south London. He took her to Epsom racecourse, and, when she refused to get in the back of a car with him, grabbed her hair, pressed a screwdriver to her throat and raped her.

His second victim was a girl, aged 19, who had gone to a garage in Banstead, Surrey. Steed pushed her over a wall into some brambles, produced a screwdriver and threatened to kill her, and then raped her.

His third rape attack almost ended in the death of a woman, aged 39, whom Steed abducted on the M4. He threatened her with a knife and a sawn-off shotgun before beating and raping her. She was so badly injured that a doctor told the court: "In my 30 years' experience I have rarely seen such an attack where the victim has survived."

Steed listened unemotionally to the sentences. Sir James told him: "In respect of these appalling offences, I have fully in mind the undoubted fact that you were then suffering from such abnormality of mind that it substantially reduced your responsibility. But not one doctor recommends medical treatment and not one says you are safe."



Ms Pamela Chapman and her daughter Emille, taking part in a flotilla protest against the lack of legal protection for water dwellers at the Houses of Parliament yesterday (Photograph: John Rogers).

Solicitors cleared of negligence on kidnap

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

A young mother whose children were kidnapped and abducted to Kuwait by her estranged husband is to appeal against a High Court ruling yesterday that the firm of solicitors which released his passport was not negligent.

The mother, aged 28, who was bound, gagged and beaten when her children were kidnapped in 1981, would have been entitled to nearly £30,000 in damages and interest for her ordeal if she had won, Mr Justice French said.

But he dismissed her claim against the Bristol firm of solicitors, J R Brown and Co, saying that while they were in breach of a duty of care to the mother, they could not have foreseen that the Kuwaiti embassy would release the passport to the husband.

They had shown a "marked measure of gullibility" but they could not foresee the "dreadful events" which took place, the judge said.

Yesterday Mr John Neil, of Bevan Hancock, the woman's solicitors, said that they were almost certain to appeal.

"We are pleased that we succeeded in showing that the other firm did owe a duty of care to our client and that they were in breach of that duty in letting the passport out of their possession", he said.

The woman, who has since remarried and is not to be identified on the orders of the judge, had married the Kuwaiti father, who was a building student in Bristol.

They separated and in June 1981 he went to collect the children, a boy aged seven and girl aged eight, from his wife's home for a visit to the zoo. The mother was also invited.

Portfolio Gold - Winner to tour Britain

A housewife is the sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

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Mrs Margaret Bergval could not believe luck

Fizzy drinks cost £112

A mao who was charged £112 for two fizzy drinks in a club in Soho, central London, returned later with two guns and forced topless hostesses to hand over the cashbox.

John Halsey, aged 25, a golf greenkeeper, of Charchfield, Harlow, Essex, was described as naive and stupid by Judge Wickham yesterday at the Central Criminal Court. He gave him a 12-month sentence suspended for two years.

Halsey, who admitted the robbery at the Windmill Club, which is believed to have closed since the incident, was caught by a bouncer. But he had deducted the money he felt he was owed.

Brent head's job is safe, says QC

Miss Maureen McGoldrick, the headmistress who was reinstated last week after a 15-week suspension for an alleged racist remark, was assured yesterday in the Court of Appeal that she can keep her job.

Her employer, Labour-controlled Brent council, is appealing against an order stopping it holding a disciplinary hearing into allegations that she said she did not want any more coloured teachers at her school.

Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, sitting with Lord Justice Eveleigh and Sir Edward Eveleigh, is being asked to set aside a declaration granted by Mr Justice Roch in the High Court last month.

He ruled that the decision by the Governors of Sudbury Infants School, which cleared Miss McGoldrick of making a

racist remark, was binding on the council. But the council claims it should be allowed to make up its own mind and that the judge erred in how he construed the Education Act 1944.

Miss McGoldrick, aged 38, of Highcliff, Cleveland, Scotch Common, west Ealing, was alleged to have told a junior official at the council's education office that she did not want any more coloured staff at her school.

Mr David Turner-Samuels, QC, for the council, told the judges: "There is no question of Miss McGoldrick being suspended again whatever your lordships' decision and no question of her being dismissed."

Miss McGoldrick was reinstated at the 380-pupil school last week. The hearing continues today.

Governors get report on 'excellent school'

The governors of a school whose head teacher was suspended after being accused of encouraging his pupils to aim for the highest standards of excellence, are to discuss a tribunal report on the matter tomorrow.

They will consider recommendations by the Church of England diocesan tribunal which studied reports by inspectors from the Inner London Education Authority (ILEA), which criticized the leadership of Mr Brian Dugan.

He was suspended as headteacher of St Jude's Church of England primary school in Southwark, south London, last July and then

reinstated pending the outcome of the tribunal inquiry. The education authority criticized Mr Dugan for saying in a brochure to parents that "each pupil is firmly encouraged to be diligent, and is constantly reminded to aim for the highest possible standards of excellence in all subjects."

But in his six years as head teacher, Mr Dugan has created a school which parents describe as "everything we want".

Since he took over the headship nine pupils have won state scholarships to public schools, and numbers have more than doubled.

Savage seeing patients

Miss Wendy Savage, an obstetrician, was treating mothers at the London Hospital today for the first time since her reinstatement last month.

She was suspended for 17 months before being cleared of five charges of professional incompetence. Three weeks ago she won her fight for reinstatement and four fellow consultants, who have refused to work with her, finally backed down.

Since then she has been at work but busy with administrative duties. In an apparent attempt to avoid further conflict, Mrs Savage has been transferred from the hospital's department of obstetrics and gynaecology to the department of general practice.

The move does not affect her duties, but means she no longer works under Professor Jurgis Grudzinskas, head of the obstetrics department and one of the consultants most opposed to her non-interventionist approach to childbirth.

A spokeswoman for the London Hospital refused to comment on the switch today. She said: "It has nothing to do with the National Health Service. The decision was taken by the Medical College of the University of London, who are Mrs Savage's official employers."

Professor Grudzinskas is said to be considering legal action over an alleged libel in Mrs Savage's book, *A Savage Affair*. He and his three colleagues, Mr Trevor Beedman, Mr John Hartgill and Mr David Oram, had threatened to resign if she was allowed back to work.

Union leader 'Private Eye mole'

The former union leader Alex Kinross was named in the High Court yesterday as a "secondary mole" for *Private Eye*, in the allegations it published about newspaper magnate Mr Robert Maxwell.

Mr Richard Ingrams, former editor of the satirical magazine, said that information that Mr Maxwell was "paymaster" for Labour leader Neil Kinnock's overseas trips came from a prospective Parliamentary candidate, who had been given the information by Mr Kinross.

The same information also came from another person, who was privy to what went

on in Mr Kinnock's private office, he said.

Mr Ingrams, editor of *Private Eye* editor for 24 years until last month, refused to disclose the identities of the two primary "moles".

Earlier in the trial Mr Kinross, former deputy general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, denied he had received any money from Mr Maxwell.

Mr Maxwell, chairman of Mirror Group Newspapers, is suing *Private Eye* and Mr Ingrams for libel over two articles published in the magazine in July last year which, he alleges, meant he was attempt-

ing to bribe Mr Kinnock into recommending him for a peerage.

Private Eye and Mr Ingrams deny libel and are counter-claiming damages for an allegedly libellous article in Mr Maxwell's *Daily Mirror*.

Mr Ingrams told the jury that, at the time of publication, he did not consider the *Private Eye* articles to be very serious.

"If anything, they were casting reflection on Mr Kinnock rather than Mr Maxwell," he said. The trial continues today.

Fatal fire followed argument

An argument over an apple may have led to a fire at a rest home in which three people died, an inquest was told yesterday.

The coroner, Mr Richard Van Oppen, said a woman resident who was "a somewhat difficult patient with a mental history" had threatened to "blow the place up" after the argument with the owner of Mount Radford Rest Home at Exeter, Devon.

The resident, Miss Phyllis Porteous, aged 41, walked out of the home in the early hours of the morning in a quarter of an hour before the alarm was raised.

The three residents who died in the blaze in January were Mavis Joy, aged 59, Elizabeth Trot, aged 77, and Margaret Madge, aged 62.

Twelve other residents were taken to hospital. The coroner reviewing evidence, said the fire started in a mattress store on the first-floor landing. On the day before the blaze Miss Porteous was "out being very helpful", Mr Van Oppen said.

In the evening she was challenged by the owner of the home, Mrs Mary Latham, about how she had got an apple and there was "a bit of a confrontation".

Early the next morning Miss Porteous came downstairs and left the home. Ten to fifteen minutes later the fire alarm sounded. The inquest was adjourned until today.

Lifeboatman dismissed for buying sweets

A lifeboatman who was involved in saving more than 90 lives was dismissed with four other men for buying chocolate with company cash in an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Mr Arthur May and his workmates bought the bars to eat on journeys from their homes in Cornwall to a job in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. The tribunal in Plymouth was told that they were allowed to claim only for meals. When they admitted spending part of a £5 meal allowance on sweets and changing receipts to cover the expenses, they were dismissed for gross misconduct.

Mr May, aged 51, Mr Noel McKenna, Mr John Triggs, Mr Peter Best and Mr Chris Best were dismissed after an investigation by their employer, English Chioa Clays, of St Austell, Cornwall. The hearing continues

Virgin Birth controversy

The Bishop of Durham, Dr David Jenkins, came under fire again yesterday when the House of Clergy of the General Synod passed a motion reaffirming the nature of Christian beliefs.

The House was examining a report drawn up after Dr Jenkins had questioned the concept of the Virgin Birth and empty tomb soon after his consecration last year.

By passing the motion, moved by Dr Peter Forster, of the universities of Durham and Newcastle, the House effectively halted any liberal interpretations of the report. His motion, in three parts, included an affirmation of the belief in the Virgin conception and the empty tomb to be the faith of the Universal Church and the Church of England.

The Rev David Holloway, one of Dr Jenkins' fiercest critics, quoted several overseas clergymen who, he said, were critical of any shift towards liberalism, which has caused confusion among Christians world-wide.

Church reaffirms its beliefs

By Angela Johnson

He quoted the Bishop of Malaysia as saying that "the whole issue of the Virgin birth of Christ and his resurrection from the dead is fully exploited by Muslim extremists who say the Bishop of Durham has endorsed the teaching of Islam."

Mr Holloway said it was therefore urgent that another message be sent from the Church of England and it should be this: "The Church of England is committed to the historic Christian faith as taught and preserved in the Universal Church and in scripture."

Mr Holloway is one of the synod members who have called for Dr Jenkins to resign. In affirming their faith in Christ's resurrection as an historic fact, the House of Clergy has given an added rebuttal to the questionings of the Bishop of Durham.

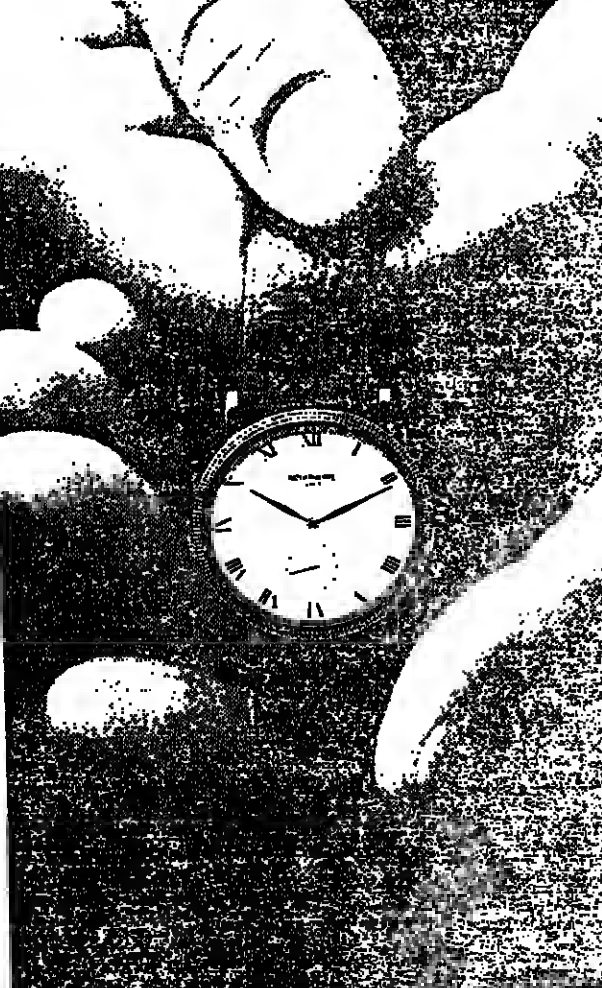
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CBI CONFERENCE

Community tries to soothe fears of costly VAT rises

On the day the conference voted heavily in favour of the United Kingdom joining the European Monetary System and for the completion of the internal market by 1992, Mr Jacques Delors, President of the EEC Commission, set out to allay fears about the possible costly impact of proposed changes in the VAT regime of the Community.

These changes, expected to be known by the end of the year, are part of the process of meeting the 1992 target date for the single European market made possible by the reforms recently adopted under the Single European Act.

The president told the CBI conference that two key lines would be embarked upon in 1987 - the abolition of tax barriers and the opening up of public contracts.

The Government has been under strong pressure at Westminster and elsewhere not to agree, for example, to the removal of zero rating on the construction industry, a move said to be likely to add considerably to the cost of building a new house.

The art world has been making strong representations about the impact the imposition of VAT would have on the export and import of works of art, and the UK, unlike other member states, does not impose VAT on food.

The president made it clear that the aim was to make VAT and excise duties close enough to avoid distortions of trade when frontier and fiscal checks were removed.

However, he went on: "That does not mean that we will be seeking to impose a single, harmonized rate for VAT, or for excise duties. No, we shall be careful to provide flexibility."

"We will probably propose more than one target rate of VAT and will certainly allow a margin of fluctuation around those target rates."

"The object is to provide a Community regime which will allow the abolition of fiscal frontiers, but which member states can adapt to their individual circumstances."

He conceded that the abolition of tax barriers was a difficult assignment, the more so because unanimity would still be required among the member states, rather than majority voting under the single European Act.

But how, he asked, could there possibly be a single European market if major differences in indirect taxation remained? In 1987, they should remember that all 12 member countries of the EEC would have the same system of indirect tax - VAT. That showed progress was possible.

By the end of the year the Commission would be putting forward proposals for bringing the levels of VAT and excise duties to member states closer together. In the meantime the Commission expected the Council of Ministers to agree the proposals for completing the structure of VAT and the main excise duties, and the adoption of Commission proposals for a rate standstill.

He said that this standstill was designed to prevent differences in tax rates within the EEC from increasing further, while at the same time allowing member states to move, if they wished, towards the likely zones of convergence. All this combined the minimum necessary discipline with maximum flexibility.

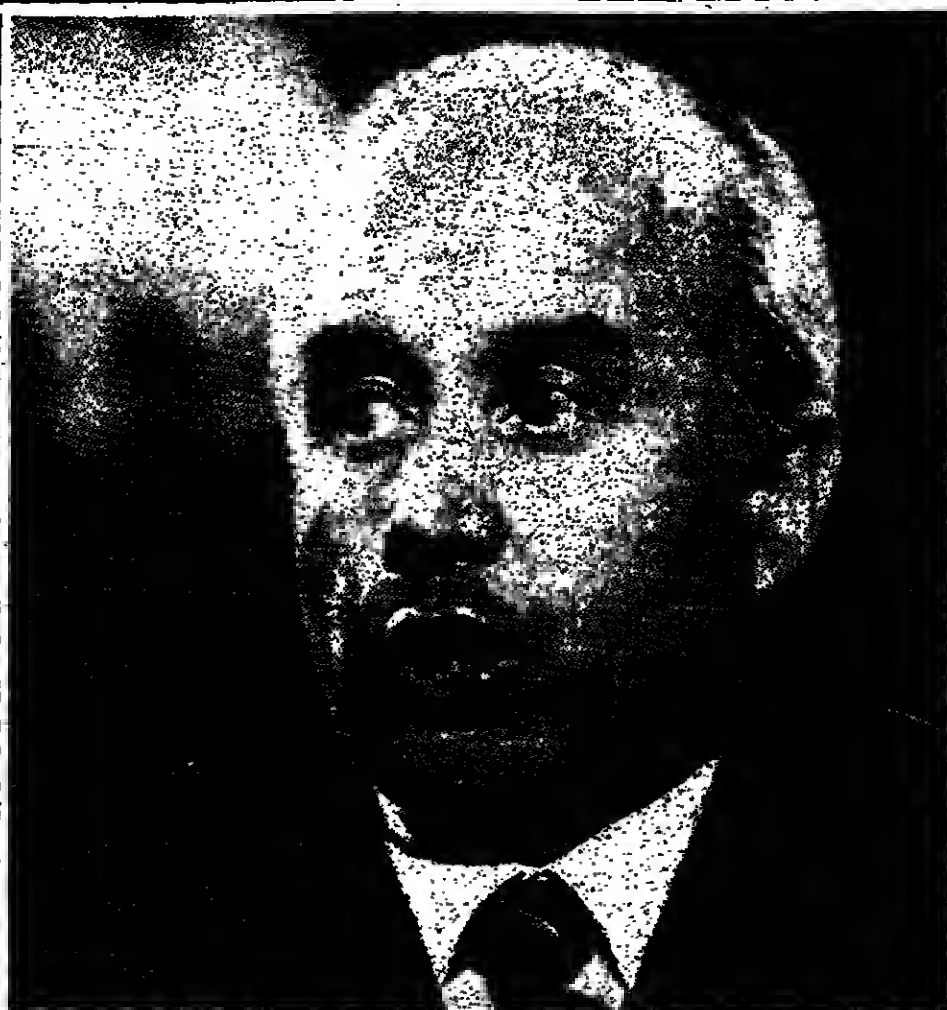
As for the opening up of public contracts, he said the achievement of the single European market would demand the sweeping away of impediments arising out of disparate standards, different technical rules, and divergent national specifications.

Outlining the programme of action the EEC had submitted to the Council of Ministers, he indicated that new sectors likely to be covered were transport, telecommunications, energy and water.

M Delors, who addressed the conference in English, called for immediate action on technological co-operation. He could not see why EEC ministers should be showing so much indecision over the framework programme for research and development which it had submitted, and which involved spending £5 billion over five years.

At less than 1 per cent of overall research and development spending in the Community, this was the absolute minimum to get the effort off the ground.

He did not see why the most solemn undertakings by the heads of state and government were not being put into effect faster.



Mr Gavin Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, addressing the CBI yesterday, the first senior union official to do so. He called for co-operation to help recovery, with priority for education and training (Report, page 20).

Business 'must exploit climate of enterprise'

It was many years since the business climate for enterprise and opportunity in Britain had been better, Mr David Nickson, president, said when he opened the tenth annual conference in Bournemouth yesterday.

"The ball is firmly in court now," he said.

In the tough world of international sport, it was widely understood that only supreme fitness and dedicated training could lead to the winner's rostrum. Why should anyone expect it to be any different in the brutally competitive world of international business?

In tough competitive conditions, people get hurt, and the single biggest injury problem was unemployment. There were no simple political panaceas.

The only way to create the real, long-term jobs Britain needed, the only way to curb the higher wages everyone wanted, the only way to create the wealth to pay for social needs was for British business to sell more and to sell better in the markets of the world.

Mr Nickson added: "Now that may be a hard and uncomfortable message, but it is a hard and uncomfortable world."

That was why at the conference they had launched their business manifesto with its 21 guidelines for government. These set the criteria against which they would measure and judge future policies and legislation from all political parties.

They were entering a crucial period with an election ahead. It was vital, whatever the outcome, that business did not

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lose the benefits and the better business climate which currently existed - low inflation, lower taxes, lower costs on business, fewer controls and better industrial relations.

"All that adds up to a climate for enterprise. Do not let us forget or throw away these advantages we have gained," he said.

The confederation would be considering the Chancellor of the Exchequer's statement carefully before making its budget representations next month. But it seemed clear that Mr Lawson had gone a long way towards meeting their proposals on increased infrastructure expenditure.

"They would oppose any substantial increase in taxation which would actually hinder growth or the personal performance of which it depended."

In the United States top marginal rates of tax and the standard rate were roughly half those in Britain.

That differential was bad enough, but should the UK rates ever be increased significantly at any time in the future, there would be a brain drain of Britain's brightest young scientists, businessmen, entrepreneurs, and managers which would rival the High Land Clearances and torpedo the prospect of Britain's recovery.

Turning to industrial relations, Mr Nickson said they were all for more progress on employee participation and profit-sharing on a voluntary basis. But on legislation the

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confederation stood for stability. "Any thought of wholesale repeal of the three recent Acts and new proposed legislation in this field will put the clock back 10 years."

"So on behalf of the CBI I make this offer today. We will talk at senior level to any political party about their industrial relations policies for the future, and we will advise them on what we think is the best way forward."

"But equally I promise you that, should some of the regressive legislation now being canvassed be introduced, the CBI will be opposed to it and oppose it as vehemently as we resisted the Bullock Report."

Turning to exchange and interest rates, Mr Nickson said what mattered for both was international confidence in Britain's ability to perform. If Britain could win that, the pound would not be persistently pounded about the world.

On wage settlements he said that when inflation rates went down abroad, their rates of pay and settlements went down too. Britain's went down but not far enough or fast enough.

Mr Nickson said that with so much expertise and enterprise in Britain's financial institutions they had to find better ways of using City and industry for the long-term health of the nation.

"Corporate capitalism, institutional capitalism and now popular capitalism have become part of the facts of life. What we must now allow is for British industry to be sold down the river by speculators' capitalism."

City urged to go for growth

A resolution stating that managers should be encouraged to manage for long-term growth rather than short-term profit was unanimously carried.

The motion, chosen in a ballot, was moved by Mr Julian Smith, chairman of the London regional council of the confederation.

He said the short-term "make a quick buck" philosophy was not only selfish for future generations, but also bad management now. But companies found themselves pushed into it.

In the City they were judged not by medium and long-term

companies to get smaller relatively and absolutely, provided that the profits continue to flow, at least in the short term."

The Government too suffered from short-term pressures. With the possibility of an election, that was about as far as the Government's horizon could reasonably be expected to stretch.

"We must convince ourselves and the City and the Government of the vital importance of planning for growth for future strength and not for making a short-term buck," he said.

Lawson strategy 'still on course'

ECONOMIC POLICY

Mr John McGregor, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, assured delegates that the Government had not changed course on economic policy and appealed for a fresh mandate to enable the Government to complete what still had to be done.

Addressing a lunch given by the Small Firms Council of the CBI, Mr McGregor gave a warning that the Government's achievements could easily be reversed, exposing the country to the more liberal spending plans of other parties.

"Ending the trend of public spending has been hard going, but we are succeeding," he said. The revised spending plans unveiled last week by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, in his autumn statement did not mean accelerated growth in public spending. In fact, it was "quite the opposite," Mr McGregor said.

In the decade before the Conservatives took office in 1979, public spending rose by about 3 per cent in a year in real terms. During its first Parliament the Government brought this down to 2 1/2 per cent and to 1 1/4 per cent during its second Parliament.

Current plans provided for spending growth of 1 to 1 1/4 per cent yearly over the next three years, substantially less than the growth of the overall economy, Mr McGregor said.

Spending plans would not be allowed to lead to more borrowing. The Chancellor had pledged that next year there would be no relaxation on borrowing objectives set down in the last Budget.

Mr McGregor said that this assurance was crucial for those concerned about Britain's interest rate levels.

Mr McGregor, the Treasury's chief negotiator in the annual spending round, recalled that when the Conservatives came to power their objective was to reduce the share of national income taken by the state and it had achieved this progressively since 1982-83.

Echoing Mr Lawson's remarks on television last Sunday, he said it was wrong to regard the £4.7 billion increase in public spending plans for 1987-88 as a pre-election spending spree.

More money for priority services such as education, health and roads was no policy reversal either, but built on already increased real expenditure in these areas, he said.

In spite of extra rates needed to meet the teachers' pay bill, Mr McGregor said "responsible" budgeting by local authorities next year would still permit single figure rate rises.

The Aggregate Exchequer Grant, the funds central government pays towards local authority finance, will be increased by nearly £1.5 billion next year.

Utility charges were likely to rise by less than 2 per cent in the coming year, compared with over 3 1/2 per cent in the past year. He said this was further evidence of the Government's success in improving the finances of nationalized industry to the benefit of the business community and the taxpayer.

Mr John Peake, of Baker Perkins, said the worth of teachers must be recognized. It was important that an agreement on pay and conditions should be fair and represent value for money. It must also help to overcome the serious shortage of mathematics, physics, craft design and technology teachers.

Delegates also carried overwhelmingly a motion emphasizing that the commitment of top management was the key factor in innovation, but doubting whether that commitment was yet strong enough.

Mr Bruce Scott, chairman of the North West Regional Council, said that research and development was rising in the United States but declining in Britain. Some top management did not know how to promote new opportunities.

On finance, the team attacks investors, analysts and management for placing too much emphasis on short term profits as a means of judging a company's performance. The City of London must discriminate in favour of companies with long term plans.

Business is criticized for failing to recognize sufficiently the growing concerns of the public about the quality of the environment. "Companies have been reluctant to reveal information about the environmental impact of their work, and to discuss openly the relative costs and benefits."

The team concludes: "In 2010 we will be staring the end of our working lives. If change is not accepted and implemented, our children will be working in a Britain which has failed them; we see no need for this."

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Political switches harming industry

STRATEGY

A call for the Department of Trade and Industry to take a leading role in achieving a coherent industrial strategy came from Mr Harry Horsby, of the Process Plant Association.

He said the department should be the catalyst to bring together a team of industrialists, bankers and the Government to assess future markets and create the right background from which a British team could supply market needs.

Mr Horsby, speaking during a debate on a motion that Britain needed a coherent industrial strategy, said that the team should work to harness the City's powerful forces to determine how they could achieve a long-term industrial strategy.

The motion, which was carried overwhelmingly, was moved by Dr James McFarlane, director general of the Engineering Employers' Federation. He said any strategy must be coherent enough not to be pulled apart by every change in the political wind.

"What other country, for example, has changed the ownership of its steel industry from public to private, and vice-versa, four times since the war?"

"What other country has treated its motor industry as we have treated ours, first as an economic regulator, then as a pampered invalid, finally as an awful warning?"

Mr Roland Long, of Roland Long, said that at the core of a coherent industrial strategy must be an end to the adversarial industrial relations.

Mr J. R. Trustram Eve, of J R Eve, spoke of the need for location of industry. The North-South divide was one of the most serious problems.

Mr Martin Jordan, of Parker Knoll, opposed the motion. He described it as dangerous and ill conceived and said that at the end of the day it would be a waste of time and detract from all their businesses.

Better pay urged for teachers

EDUCATION

Delegates carried by an overwhelming vote a motion urging a better reward for teachers in order to restore the status of the profession. The motion emphasized that that must be accompanied by a raising of competence and more effective use of school and college facilities.

Mr Roland Long, of Roland Long Limited, who moved the proposal, said: "A way has to be found to overcome all the bitterness and frustration which has had such a disastrous impact on our children."

Mr Long appealed to Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, not to impose a settlement on the teachers.

"There is no Act of Parliament which can oblige people to give commitment and in education above all else it is commitment for which we must strive."

Mr John Peake, of Baker Perkins, said the worth of teachers must be recognized. It was important that an agreement on pay and conditions should be fair and represent value for money. It must also help to overcome the serious shortage of mathematics, physics, craft design and technology teachers.

Delegates also carried overwhelmingly a motion emphasizing that the commitment of top management was the key factor in innovation, but doubting whether that commitment was yet strong enough.

Mr Bruce Scott, chairman of the North West Regional Council, said that research and development was rising in the United States but declining in Britain. Some top management did not know how to promote new opportunities.

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EMS membership wins big majority

Britain's entry to the European monetary system (EMS) would signal to its European partners that at last it had become fully paid-up member of the European Community, Mr John Raisman (British Telecom), chairman of the European Committee of the CBI, told the conference.

Mr Raisman moved a resolution, carried by a large majority, urging the Government to negotiate Britain's full membership of the system without further delay.

Strong support for swift membership came from Mr John Quinton, of Barclays Bank. He said that economically and commercially they needed to be more closely linked to the Community and nothing would demonstrate that more than full membership of the system.

International trade was hampered by wide fluctuations in exchange rates and so was business planning and investment.

Full entry would dampen exchange rate pressures which had pushed British interest rates to levels higher than those elsewhere in the EEC. He considered that full entry would lead the country down the road to greater competitiveness because of the disciplinary effect that would be controlling the environment.

Mr Quinton said that if they had to wait for a decision to join until after the election, he hoped the situation would still be as favourable as it was now.

Mr Tom O'Connor, of Elta Plastics, pointed out that when they last met, there were DM3.75 to the pound; now it was DM2.94, where he would like it to be kept. The time was right to join the system and they could do it this day.

It would not be a soft option, he said. It would be tough for most industrialists.

Overseas investors welcomed

Membership would not mean a free parking place for British industry, but it would give sterling respectability again in the eyes of the world.

Opposing entry, Mr A.W. Cowplif, of British Management Data Foundation, said he was with Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who saw the perils of joining the system more than the Chancellor of the Exchequer and his supporters in the City did, many of whom were no friends of industry.

Membership would be of only limited assistance in smoothing out the present volatility of the exchange rate and place longer-term restrictions on Britain's ability to look after its affairs. A run on the pound inside the system would mean formal devaluation. Exchange rates were trading rates, not virility symbols.

Despite that warning, the resolution received heavy support. It also supported completion of the EEC internal market by 1992 and on that issue Mr John Harrison, director of the Knitting Industries Federation, called for the lifting of the panopoly of trade barriers facing European exporters in many markets of the world.

The latest outrage concerned Japan. At a time when it was bending to world pressure to open its own markets and while committed to abandoning its own proliferation of protectionist technical standards in favour of international standards, it introduced new standards for skirts.

The justification for that was that Japanese snow was wetter than the snow in Europe and North America. "How much longer must our manufacturers tolerate such impudent, outrageous malpractice?" he asked.

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Delegates carried by an overwhelming majority a resolution on industrial collaboration and welcoming foreign investment.

Sir Colin Campbell, chairman of James Finlay plc, moving it, said the case for uninvited new investment from overseas was overwhelming. That view was based primarily on the fact that tribal feelings against foreigners continued to be an important sentiment around the world.

Many of the arguments for an open-door policy were obvious. It encouraged spin-offs of new technology and innovative management techniques and new employment.

They should be clear that an open-door policy did not necessarily mean a commitment to free trade.

Indeed, many companies had taken up manufacturing overseas only because the host country's restrictions worked against them. It was a choice of local manufacturing or loss of the market.

Governments had a propensity to look after their own and that was likely to continue, not least in this country, making free trade an unreal dream.

They were aware of the "inherently debts" in much of the Third world. One of the best ways of dealing with it was by investment rather than loans so that if a project failed the investor lost his money and the host country owed nothing.

It was tragic that the chance of involving General Motors with British Leyland was botched on the basis of a "xenophobic hang-up".

Call to keep politics out of contracts

The CBI conference voted to tell the Government to stop public authorities introducing political conditions into the award of contracts.

Mr Derek Gaultier, of the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, said they doubted whether the law would be enough to cover all the loopholes.

Construction was one area of local government business where competition between councils' direct labour organizations and private sector contractors was already mandatory, he said.

At the Conservative party conference, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, had foreshadowed proposals to extend such competition.

If this happened, the problem of politically motivated councils would face a wider section of British industry.

Society based on merit is vision for year 2010

By Edward Townsend Industrial Correspondent

The brave new world envisaged by the CBI's "Vision 2010" team was presented to the opening session of the conference yesterday.

The interim report said: "We envisage a meritocratic society where innovative and competitive enterprises provide work for those who seek it, a society which is committed to wealth creation and recognizes that people are the prime asset in achieving that goal, not a cost."

In a quarter of a century's time, it says, the British people should be more ardent, more numerous, more able to speak in foreign tongues, be increasingly adaptive and quick to respond to changing circumstances, and paid by results.

The managers of the next century are urged to be more innovative, to focus greater

attention on marketing, while industry and government should achieve a popular consensus about long-term economic and industrial strategy.

The team, led by Mr Mark Nicolson, who was educated at Eton and manages a Barclays Bank corporate branch in London, says that many of their suggestions and ideas have been said before, some 150 years ago - "and it is this that we find so disturbing. Why has action not been taken?"

The report, however, includes a number of radical proposals, some of which may find little favour with an anti-interventionist, anti-consensus Government. To achieve a better trained workforce, for example, the team suggests that redundancy payments be converted into non-cashable training grants, that formal business training becomes compulsory in schools, that

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investment in industrial shares attract the same tax relief as mortgages, that regional development agencies be created covering the entire country.

The team does not rule out the need for state subsidy in specific cases.

On marketing, the team says it does not agree that the losing of old markets and failure to exploit new ones is a sign of inevitable decline of a mature economy. Rather, it says, all parts of the British economy have been slow to recognize the rapidly changing industrial environment.

"We have been complacent in assuming that the goods we make for today's customers will do for tomorrow's, lazy in seeking new customers, especially overseas, and cautious in our attitude to new technology."

Overseas markets should be more thoroughly researched and businessmen must be prepared to speak the language of the target market, and the report says that the excessive bureaucracy of the European Commission must be curbed.

On innovation, the team says industry has been slow to use flexible manufacturing systems and companies are criticized for not recognizing the potential of information technology.

Companies must embrace change willingly, and the team asks whether there should be a Ministry of Science.

On education and training, Vision 2010 says that the present system encourages specialization at too early an age. Students should be introduced to industry and commerce at an early stage and all should become familiar with at least one international trading language.

Teachers should have better pay and career development, which "should lead to a standard in state schools which would render private schools an expensive irrelevance."

Companies are urged to adopt a policy of training and retaining. "The cult of the gifted superstar has prevailed for too long."

The report makes no reference to the role envisaged for trades unions in the Britain of the future, and says that employee involvement in a business is essential. Workers should be encouraged to take a direct financial stake in their company and their pay directly related to the company's and their own performances.

The "them and us" syndrome must be removed, with managers and workers alike sharing the same pension and benefit rights, the same canteens and classrooms, and company cars and size of office determined by need rather

than denoting "classes" of employees.

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Courts vary widely in rulings on child custody

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Huge variations between courts in different parts of the country in awarding joint or sole custody of children when couples divorce are disclosed in a report published today.

The report, by the Law Commission, shows a custody order can depend on what court the parents choose and on where they live: joint custody is rare in the North of England, but awarded in 20 per cent of cases in the South.

It also depends on the court: in some courts there is a 50 per cent chance that the court will award joint custody; in others 95 per cent or more orders are for sole custody.

The report, which provides the first countrywide picture of custody orders made on divorce, says that 80,000 such orders were made on divorce in 1985, many of which affected more than one child.

Wives were granted custody in 77 per cent of cases; husbands in 9 per cent and joint custody was ordered only in 13 per cent of cases.

But whereas in the South-west and Home Counties, joint custody orders form more than 30 per cent of the total, in many Midlands and northern courts joint custody is rare, accounting for 4 to 5 per cent of all orders.

Although joint custody accounts for only a small percentage overall, comparison with earlier smaller samples indicates that the proportion has risen by threefold since 1974.

Joint orders rarely require both parents to carry out child care duties equally, it says.

A sample of 3,000 from 10 courts across the country found that in all courts in about 90 per cent of cases it was envisaged that the children would live mainly with their mothers.

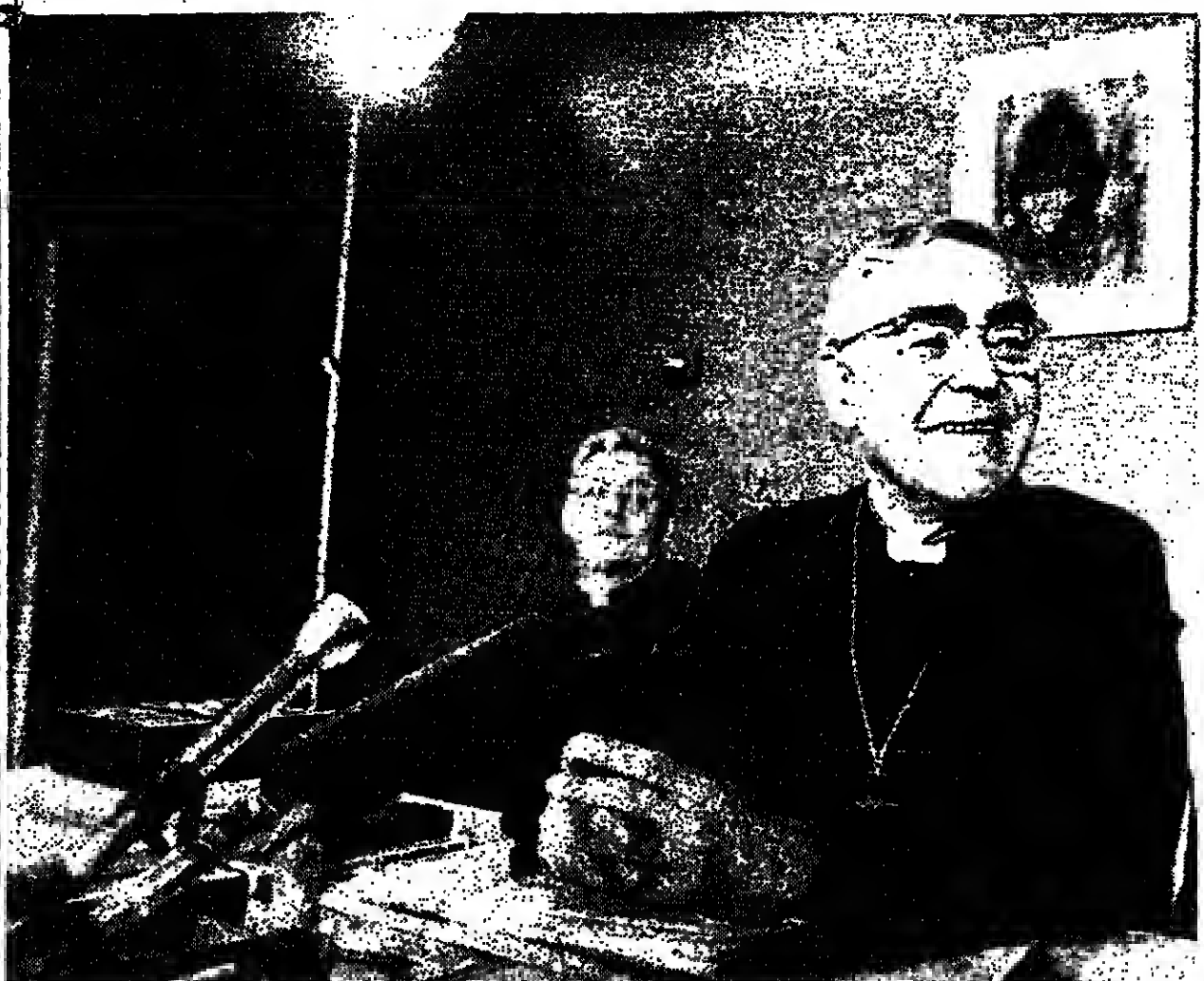
The report also discloses for the first time the views of a sample of divorce judges: all judges interviewed agreed that where possible both parents should continue to be involved in their parents upbringing after divorce.

But there were strongly held and divergent opinions on the merits of joint custody orders. While some courts actively promote joint custody, others discourage it.

The report also highlights the uncertainty and confusion over the effect of custody orders. Interviews with 35 solicitors showed their clients thought sole custody meant "complete control".

None of the judges agreed with that. Most took the view that the parent living with the child had no right to take key decisions concerning the child's upbringing if the other parent disagreed.

Custody Law in Practice in the Divorce and Domestic Courts. Supplement to working paper No 96 (Stationery Office, £3.75).



The Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, with his chaplain, the Rev John Shepherd, speaking at a press conference in London yesterday when he denied he was rebuked by the Archbishop of Canterbury. (Photograph: John Manning)

Bishop 'does not regret' trip to Tulsa

By Angella Johnson

The Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, yesterday denied that he had been "rebuked" by the Archbishop of Canterbury after his visit to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to conduct a confirmation service in America.

Dr Leonard told a press conference in London that although Dr Robert Runcie had disapproved of his controversial trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma, he had not been reprimanded when they met last Friday. He also defended the trip and said that, if necessary, he would go again.

"There was no element of reproach," he said. "Our meeting was a genuine attempt to understand each other. I am very sorry that the Archbishop was disappointed, but he had already told me this before I left, so it was no surprise."

Dr Leonard, third in the Church of England hierarchy after Dr Runcie and the Archbishop of York, went to Tulsa after a request from a local priest, Father John Pascoe, who had been deposed by the American Episcopal Church.

Dr Leonard said he "deeply regretted" the controversy caused by his action, which was against the wishes of Dr Runcie and the House of Bishops of the Church of England.

He denied that the ordination of women priests had influenced his decision to go to Tulsa. This was one of the issues behind Father Pascoe being deposed. Dr Leonard believed he could in good conscience administer pastoral care to a church which had been expelled from its diocese.

He criticized the Church of England for adhering to decisions taken by the General Synod. "All I have done wrong is to have acted against the wish of the Church. I am not infallible, but neither is the General Synod."

An attempt will be made by Synod members to raise the issue of Dr Leonard's visit, but he said he had no intention of defending himself before the 565-strong body.

The House of Lords: 2 Peers united by 'unfashionable' taste for debate

There is more than blue blood running through their Lordships' veins. In the second of three articles on the power and influence of the Upper House, Sheila Gunn, of our Political Staff, describes who sits in the House of Lords.

Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor, perches on the Woolsack eyeing the gentlemanly procedures of the House of Lords from beneath the fringe of his wig.

Old age is one of the things most of their Lordships have in common. Originally the Lords Temporal faced the Lords Spiritual across the Chamber. But today a curious assortment of individuals qualify for the daily allowance of £52.

It is rare for more than 400 of the 1,180 peers entitled to sit in the Lords to attend, even when there is a three-line Whip on an important vote. About 300 are never seen.

The three front benches are stocked with a mixture of government ministers, retired MPs, hereditary peers and "working" peers - those plucked from leading posts in other walks of life.

Lord Whitelaw, Leader of the Lords and deputy Prime Minister, heads a batch of ministers, many of them hereditary peers, together with some 500 Conservatives on the backbenches.

But the recent resignation of two experienced spokesmen, Lords Elton and Swinton, has led to a loss of expertise on the front bench. He has brought 00 three "yuppies" to make up the number of Whips - Lords Beaverbrook, Heskeith and Dundee.

Opposite him sits Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, Leader of the 124 Labour peers and a former minister. He has tolled to keep together a front bench

team of specialists to revise government Bills and deserves much of the credit for the Labour Party's recent silence on the future of the upper House.

Mrs Thatcher has managed to infuriate him by her reluctance to appoint a new batch of working peers. Most of his spokesmen are in their sixties or seventies and were given life peerages for service as MPs or in other fields.

The Liberals and Social Democrats total 85, including a few hereditary peers and former MPs.

The Government's main headache is the wavering vote of the 275 Independent "cross-benchers", the 146 non-affiliated peers, and the bishops.

Added to these are a small nucleus of regular speakers, often strongly committed to a particular cause.

The complaint laid against the Lords is that it is "unrepresentative".

It used to be a standing joke that there were two issues which guaranteed a lively debate in the Lords: poaching and the alternative prayer book. With the background of the present members, there must be added to these: local government, the rights of the disabled and the elderly, the constitution, universities and the freedom and rights of the individual.

Nearly all the Government's problems in getting Bills through the Lords stem from these special interests. Tomorrow: What Future?

Car maker denies secret Honda deal

By Tim Jones

Claims that a new all-British car is being scrapped after secret talks between Austin Rover and the Japanese company Honda were yesterday described as "totally speculative".

There are reports that the AR6, designed to replace the Austin Metro, would be replaced by a small car developed under a tie-up with Honda.

Huge research and development costs would be saved by using Japanese tooling, design and technology which account for millions of pounds before any new model is launched on the market.

Mr Graham Day, new chairman of the Rover Group, is reported to have travelled to Japan last month for talks with the Japanese car giant.

Such a deal would make good economic sense for the financially troubled Austin Rover group but would have a profound political and psychological effect on motor manufacturing in Britain.

It would be a dramatic admission that in the international market, the state-owned Austin Rover group is just too small to survive.

In return for a firm foot-

hold in the British small car market, Honda could expect a share of the equity of Austin Rover and representation on the policy-making board.

Last night, the company would not deny the report but said it was "totally speculative".

Honda has already shared development with Austin Rover of the Rover 800 range of executive cars and is presently working with the company on a medium-sized model.

The possibility of the AR6 project being scrapped was condemned yesterday by Mr Doug Hoyle, Labour MP for Warrington North. He said: "This is a black day, not only for the motor industry but for Britain's manufacturing industry."

"Through the actions of Mrs Thatcher and Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, we are witnessing the burial of the British motor industry and the raising of the Japanese flag over the grave."

Mr Hoyle said he would be writing to Mr Channon demanding that more funds should be made available for the company.

Verdict on 'obsessive' car thief

The future of a compulsive car thief, who has spent the past year on remand in prison while the authorities tried to work out what to do with him, was decided yesterday.

Kenneth Lowndes has stolen nearly 400 vehicles and even used ambulances as getaway vehicles after suffering severe head injuries in a motor cycle accident.

Mr Richard Curtis, QC, the recorder at Worcester Crown Court, yesterday sent him to St Andrew's Hospital in Northampton, after hearing that the Trafford Area Health Authority in Manchester had agreed to pay the £38,000-a-year cost of the only treatment which could cure him.

Lowndes, aged 35, of Hale Barns, Altrincham, Cheshire, has received probation, treatment at other hospitals and imprisonment, but none could stop him getting behind the wheel of other people's cars.

He usually drove to the nearest police station to give himself up.

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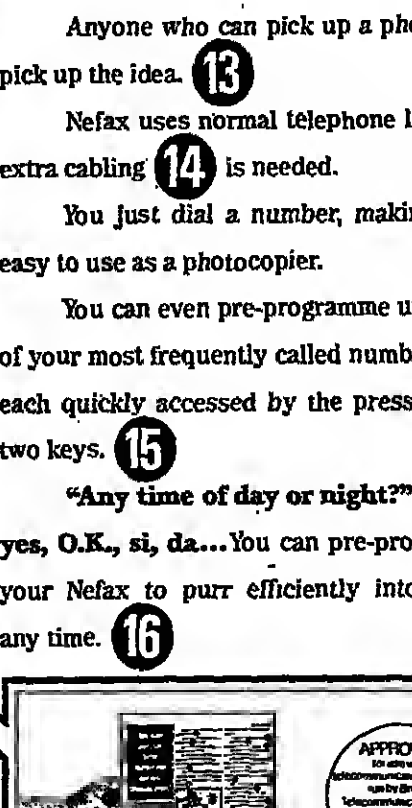
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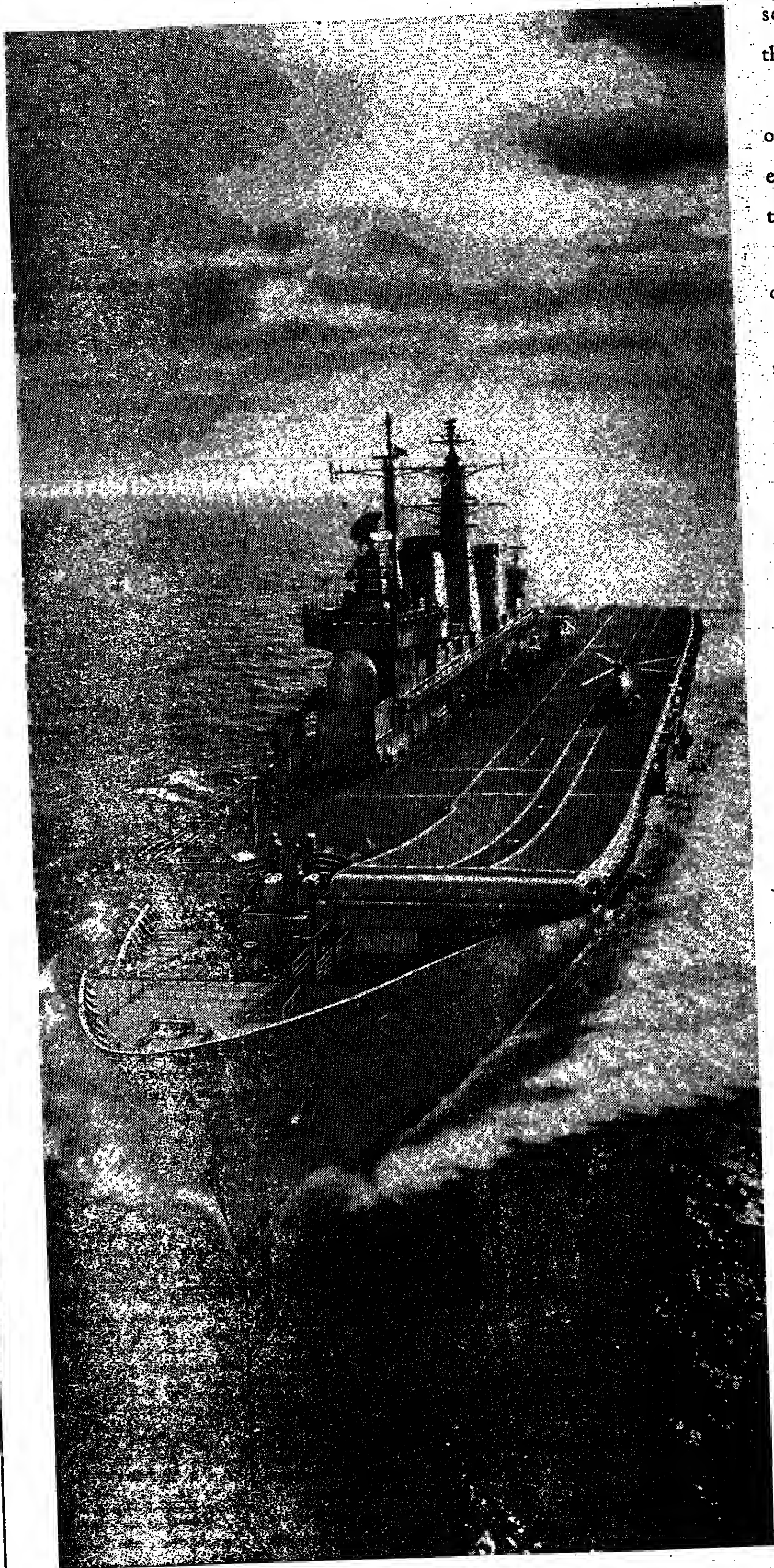
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Greenpeace protest fails to disrupt power plant

By Ian Smith

Greenpeace demonstrators tried to disrupt production at one of Britain's largest power stations yesterday, in an international protest about the effects of acid rain.

The group chained themselves to coal barges, hung from rail bridges, tried to scale a 600 ft cooling tower and attempted to block a supply canal with inflatable dinghies, after infiltrating the Central Electricity Generating Board's Ferrybridge complex, in West Yorkshire.

The peaceful demonstration by nine men and five women from Switzerland, Scandinavia, Scotland and England ended 10 hours later without arrests. The demonstration had its lighter moments of comic relief.

An earth digger was used to gently scoop to safety a couple from Switzerland, who had suspended themselves from a railway bridge by safety harnesses to halt trains ferrying coal into the plant, and wire cutters gently snipped free the group who chained themselves to coal barges before all were offered mugs of tea.

As the barges sailed off the crew enthusiastically applauded blooded Birgit Seffmark, from Denmark, who was unsuccessfully trying

Wordsworth painting hides secret for a century

Mystery of the sombre cleric

By Gavin Bell
Arts Correspondent

For more than a century, a celebrated portrait of Wordsworth has concealed a secret, the sombre and mysterious figure of a Victorian cleric in a black gown apparently holding a bible.

The image, made sinister by X-ray photographs, has just been discovered by experts at the National Portrait Gallery during routine restoration of Wordsworth's *Head-shelf*, completed in 1842 by the English romantic painter Benjamin Robert Haydon.

Close inspection of the painting revealed unusual brush strokes, which were brought to the attention of Mr Jacob Simon, the gallery's curator of eighteenth century portraits.

It was then sent to the Courtauld Institute of Art, where a mosaic of nine X-rays revealed the original work, upside-down beneath the painting of the poet.

Mr Simon said that it was rare for an artist to paint over an almost completed work, but the portrait of the cleric was consistent with Haydon's style of broad strokes.

"Despite long friendships with Wordsworth and Keats, Haydon was never a fashionable artist, and did not enjoy commercial success.

"In fact he was poor, and it is quite likely that he used this



Mr Jacob Simon, curator of the National Portrait Gallery, examining the painting by Benjamin Haydon

canvas twice because he could not afford to buy another one."

Haydon was known to have been a perfectionist, and it was in keeping with his artistic temperament that he had abandoned the earlier portrait because he had not been satisfied with it.

"His image of Wordsworth brooding amid a stormy mountain landscape has always been powerful, but I shall never look upon it quite the same way again.

"This discovery has added a further hidden dimension to what is already a fascinating picture."

The poet himself described the work, in a letter to the

artist, as "the best likeness, that is, the most characteristic, that has been done of me".

Overwhelmed by debt and disappointment, Haydon committed suicide four years after completing the Wordsworth portrait, but he left detailed diaries which Mr Simon intends to study, in the hope of identifying the hidden cleric.

However, the original work may never be seen, since no process has been developed for separating oil paintings.

Visitors to the Gallery may examine the enigmatic Wordsworth when renovation of its Regency suite, devoted to the Romantic poets and painters, is completed at the end of next February.



The head of the mystery cleric, revealed by X-rays, at the bottom of the portrait (Photographs: Ros Drinkwater)

Growth in popularity of double glazing

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

More than 70 per cent of owner-occupiers have undertaken major repairs or improvements to their homes during the past five years, compared with about 60 per cent during the previous five years, according to a survey published today by the Building Societies Association.

A report in the *BSA Bulletin* says that households probably spent about £10 billion in this work last year, compared with £6.1 billion in 1981, and the most popular activity noted in the survey was the installation of double glazing or new windows, which more than one third (36 per cent) of the respondents said they had completed during the period.

The work done was mostly modernization rather than repair, and after double glazing came the fitting of a new kitchen (35 per cent), while 24 per cent of owner-occupiers had refitted their bathroom, 20 per cent had installed central heating, 19 per cent had the house rewired and 16 per cent had built an extension or converted their loft.

Most work was done by the 35 to 54 age group, while the young, aged up to 24 (45 per cent), and the retired, over 65 (39 per cent), were the least likely to carry out repairs or improvements.

BSA Bulletin, (Information Department, The Building Societies Association, 3 Saville Row, London W1X 1AF, £2.50).

Search for Legion cases link

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

A search has begun for a possible common source of Legionnaires' disease, which has caused one death and affected five other people over the past two months.

The investigation has been launched by Gloucester Health Authority because it would normally expect only one case of Legionnaires a year in the city.

The man who died was in his sixties. His illness was diagnosed in September at the Royal Hospital, Gloucester, and two of the other cases, a man in his fifties and a married woman in her late thirties, were also affected in September.

Two new cases came to light last month, involving a man in his fifties and a married woman in her forties.

Government scientists are working with environmental health officials and GPs in Gloucester to establish any link between the cases. All six people came from the south-east of the city.

There have been 17 Legionnaires' disease deaths in Britain this year from 143 recorded cases. The disease is a rare type of pneumonia caused by a common organism which can be treated by antibiotics.

Watch on drug-user amnesty

By Peter Evans

Government ministers will be watching the results of a fortnight's amnesty which was begun yesterday for drug users throughout the south of England.

The Association of Chief Police Officers is expected to consider whether the idea could be of more general use in catching drug pushers.

Mr Brian Weight, Chief Constable of Dorset, said yesterday: "I would love to see it extended to the whole country."

Drug users who assist the police in detecting drug dealers and pushers will not be prosecuted.

The amnesty has been instigated by the television company TVS as part of its "Action on Drugs" campaign launched yesterday, and includes 10 hours of television programmes over two weeks.

The launch of the amnesty campaign comes after one last year by Dorset police in which over 6,000 calls were received.

The amnesty will run for two weeks initially but it will be extended if it proves successful.

County police forces from Dorset, Essex, Hampshire, Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Thames Valley, Wiltshire and the Channel Islands are involved.



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Coup rumours sweep Manila on eve of trip to Japan

Aquino makes TV appeal for national calm

From Keith Dalton, Manila

President Aquino of the Philippines appeared on government television last night and appealed for national calm amid continuing rumours that a military coup would be attempted during her four-day visit to Japan which begins today.

"I shall oppose any attempt from any quarter to interfere with or dictate to my Government," she said just two hours after 15,000 people marched through Manila in a show of support for her eight-month-old Government.

On the eve of her departure for Tokyo, Mrs Aquino referred to rumours sweeping the country that troops loyal to the Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, planned a *putsch* in her absence.

Without referring to Mr Enrile, Mrs Aquino denounced the "self-appointed Messiahs who would want to dictate how this Government should be run", accusing her detractors of a "shameless disregard" for the people's welfare for personal ambition or misguided ideals.

She said it was "an insult to the integrity of the majority of the New Armed Forces of the Philippines that have tried to adhere to the highest standards of professionalism".

"I will not allow the new AFP to be destroyed by a handful of misguided elements... the function of the soldier is to fight the enemies of the Government, not to fight the very Government it is ordained to serve."

She said that if this happened the only beneficiaries would be the communist insurgents.

Although publicly dismissing the possibility of a coup, Mrs Aquino has ordered presidential guards to "repel all predatory forces approaching (the presidential palace) under any pretext," the Philippine Daily Inquirer reported yesterday.

Church sources confirmed that Mrs Aquino had personally asked the influential Roman Catholic Archbishop of Manila, Cardinal Jaime Sin, to postpone his trip today to Rome.

The outspoken Cardinal, who played a leading role in the February revolt that brought Mrs Aquino to power, at first agreed but changed his mind on learning that Mrs Aquino would go ahead with her visit to Japan.



A crowd of 15,000 people demonstrating their support for President Aquino on a march through Central Park in Manila yesterday amid rumours of a plot to depose her.

World's largest hydroelectric project Caracas breaks grip of oil

Guri (Reuters) - Venezuela opened the world's largest hydroelectric complex yesterday, the Guri dam project, designed to spur Venezuela's industrial development and reduce its reliance on oil.

In a ceremony in the Guayana region, 400 miles south-east of Caracas, President Jaime Lusinchi gave the order to open the dam's floodgates, sending the waters of the Caroni River rushing down the 530 ft-high spillway.

"We should feel well satisfied with everything achieved here in Guri. This will permit us to diversify our economy, rescuing it from dependence on petroleum," President Lusinchi said in a speech marking the event.

"We are witnessing an event of colossal dimensions and importance for the country," the president of the Venezuelan Investment Fund (FIV), Señor Hector Hurtado said.

The 10,300-megawatt hydroelectric plant will be the world's largest until Brazil's Itaipu project, with a 12,000 megawatt capacity, starts up later in the decade.

The dam holds back a gigantic reservoir covering an area almost twice the size of Luxembourg.

Power from Guri will supply 70 per cent of Venezuela's energy needs and is expected to save 300,000 barrels a day

in domestic oil consumption within two years.

More importantly, the dam provides cheap electric power for the country's iron, steel, and aluminium industries, centred in Ciudad Guayana, 50 miles north-east of Guri.

"Guri is not just the saving of petroleum and assured energy at low cost. It also represents an extraordinary multiplying factor for the growth and modernization of many industries," President Lusinchi said.

Officially known as the Raul Leoni Dam after the Venezuelan President who began the project, Guri cost an estimated \$5 billion (£3.5 billion) and took a total of 25 years to complete in various phases.

But the investment has helped to turn the country into an important industrial power, reduced its dependence on oil and provided momentum for its future as a democracy.

The Guri dam anchors the type of thriving industrial

complex envisioned by former President Romulo Betancourt, who set out to create a new Venezuela after the fall of dictator Marcos Perez Jimenez in 1958.

Thanks to its cheap energy, Venezuela created the world's eighth largest aluminium complex at nearby Ciudad Guayana, as well as the giant Sidor steelworks. What was once a collection of huts on the edge of the Orinoco in a sweltering scrubland at the river's confluence with the Caroni, is now a Venezuelan boomtown.

"Guri was made during the democracy, by the democracy and at the service of democracy," Señor Leopoldo Sucre Figarella, president of the Guayana Region Development Corporation (CVG), said.

Some 30 per cent of the financing came from outside the country, including loans from the World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank and private foreign banks.

Electricidad del Caroni (Edecta), the state firm which built and will administer the dam, has acquired a foreign debt of \$800 million (£559 million).

The actual dam, combined with surrounding earth dams, will have a span of about 4.4 miles, officials said. The artificial lake held back by the dam has an area of 1,520 square miles.



Mixed welcome in prospect

From David Watts, Tokyo

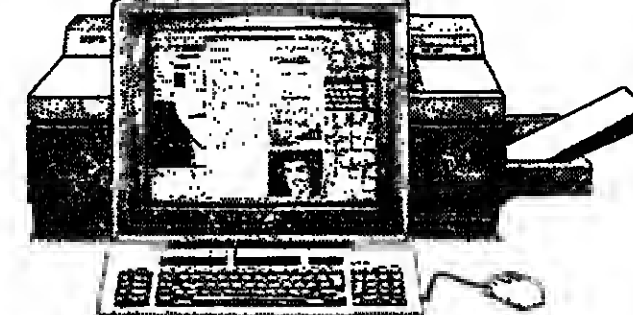
President Aquino arrives for her first state visit to Japan today to find a mix of supporters and opponents almost as complex as that at home.

The establishment and many figures in the ruling party, and even in her own embassy, are not convinced that her government is here to stay. Some are enthusiastic supporters of her vice-president, Mr Salvador Laurel, whose father was president of the Philippines when Japan ruled there during World War II.

She comes in response to an invitation first extended to former president, Mr Ferdinand Marcos, in 1983 and a large number of members of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party are strong supporters of the deposed leader.

Mrs Aquino is a woman (Japanese leaders are never entirely comfortable with women leaders) who leads a Government which is not only revolutionary, but has not consolidated itself sufficiently to convince Japanese politicians or investors of its durability.

But perhaps more important in terms of the economic assistance that she is seeking is the fact that she got off on the wrong foot with the Prime



Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, by entertaining one of his most deadly political rivals, the former Prime Minister, Mr Takeo Fukuda, in Manila.

Her Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, appears to have been warned off causing trouble during her visit to Tokyo by the judicious leaking of the fact that authorities in the United States were investigating his handling of military aid funds during the Marcos regime.

There were unauthorized troop movements in Manila during the past week and even details of a coup called "Operation God Save the Queen" were being bandied about.

Mrs Aquino will need to put worries about a coup behind her and have all her wits about her if she is to convince Mr Nakasone and others to give her the sort of sums in economic aid that she is after.

The sum requested initially, 260 billion yen (£1.09 billion), was branded "unrealistic" by the Foreign Ministry, which described it as being beyond the bounds of what the United States has been prepared to offer and well outside Japan's previous official contribution, which has been running at less than 50 billion yen year.

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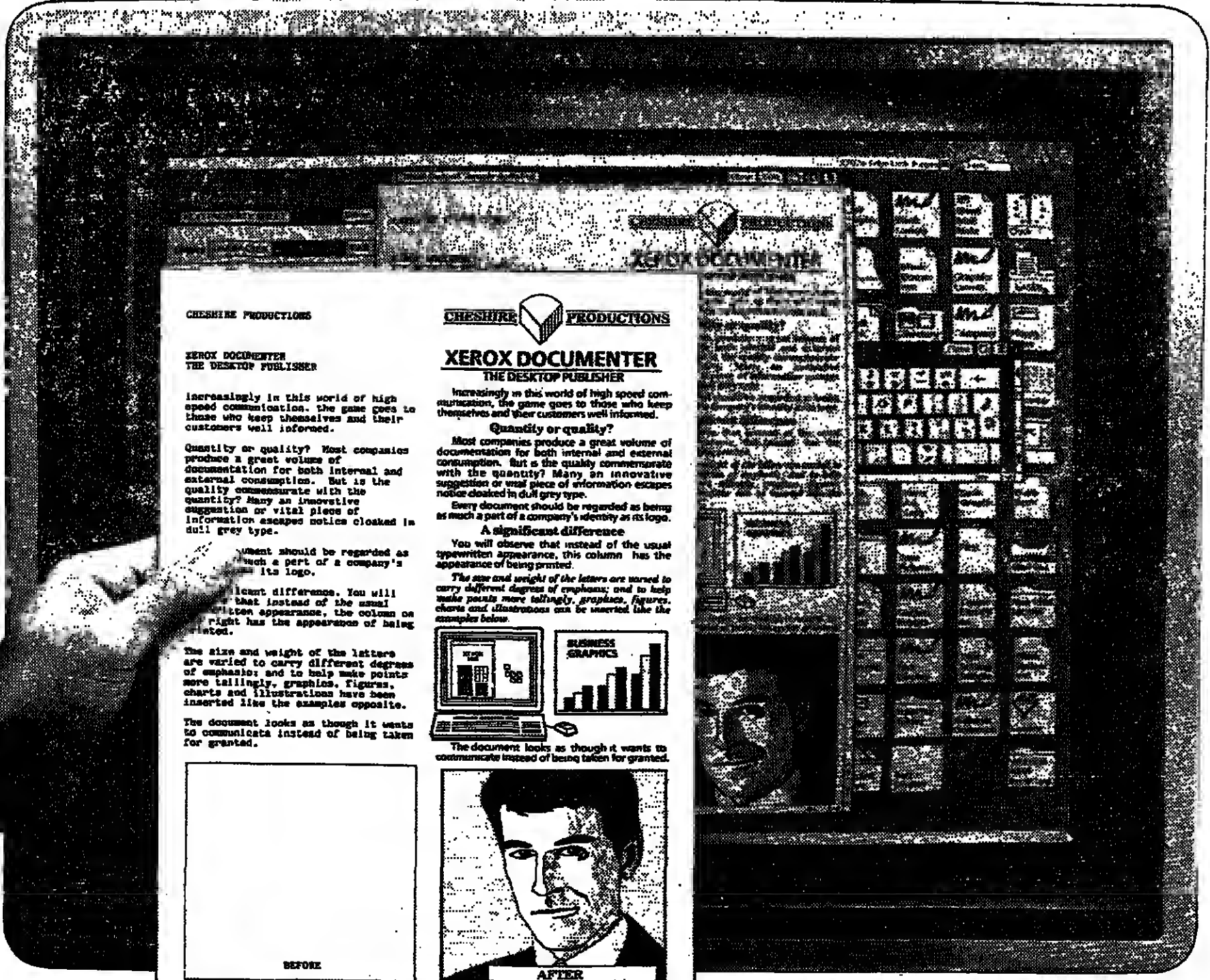
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BEFORE **AFTER**

China's problem Zhao asks Japan to cut \$4bn trade deficit

Peking (Reuters) - The Chinese Prime Minister, Mr Zhao Ziyang, forecast yesterday that China would have a \$4 billion trade deficit with Japan this year and called on Tokyo to buy, lend and invest more in China, informed Japanese sources said.

Mr Zhao told the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, who left yesterday afternoon after a 25-hour visit to China, that the trade deficit was the most serious problem in Sino-Japanese relations.

The forecast deficit was well down on last year's nearly \$6 billion, but Mr Zhao said this was partly because overall trade volume was down. He said Japan must help in achieving balanced bilateral trade while China endeavoured to reform its trading system and improve the quality of its exports.

The sources said Mr Zhao also recommended that Japan should boost soft-loan development financing to China in 1991, following the end of a seven-year, 470 billion yen (\$2.14 billion) loan at 3.5 per cent annual interest, which began in 1984.

Despite some increase of Japanese investment in China in the last few years and Chinese efforts to make conditions for this more attractive, Mr Zhao said the scale of such investment was still highly inadequate.

Japanese sources said Mr Nakasone promised to study Mr Zhao's proposals and said there would be plenty of time to discuss the request for extra loans.

He cited high Chinese taxes as one reason why Japan's investments in China were not as great as Peking desired and said unreliable supplies limited the purchase of imports from China.

Despite the catalogue of demands presented by Mr Zhao, the New China News Agency reported the exchange in a moderate tone.

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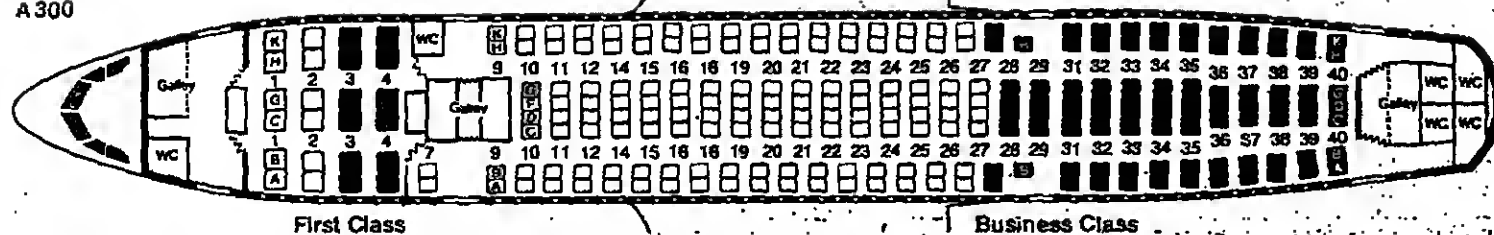
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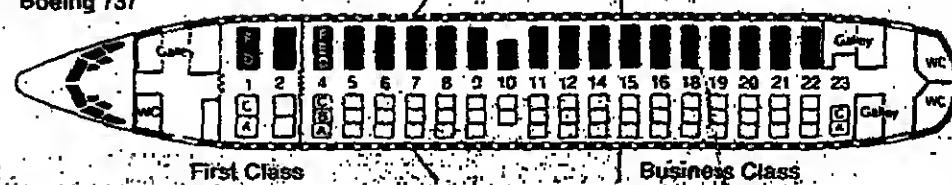
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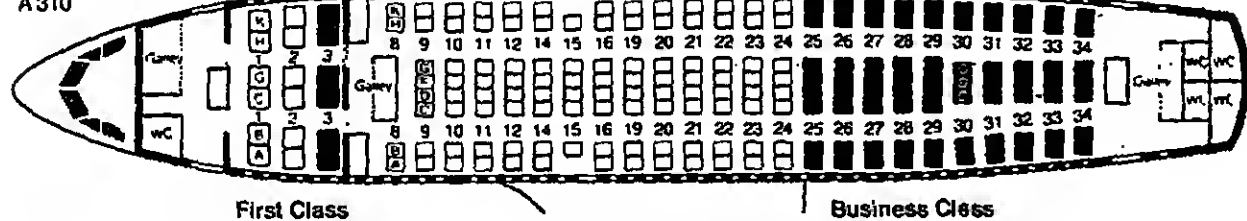
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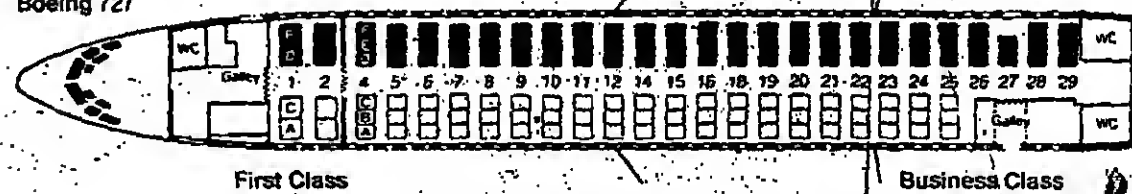
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COLEMAN - On 29th October 1986, to Dawn (nee Grahame) and Peter, a son, Timothy.

COLEMAN - On November 6th, to Carol & Marc, a daughter, Louise Jessica.

DEANE - On November 3rd, to Alison (nee Maynard) and Anthony, a daughter, Charlotte Sophia.

DEANE - On November 4th 1986 at Norwich, to Judith (nee Colgrave) and Anthony, a daughter, Harriet Frances.

MAYBON - On October 20th, to Jenny and Tony, a daughter, Isabella Rose.

POTTER - On October 22nd 1986 to Mary and Graham, a daughter Lucy Elizabeth.

TOMLIN - On November 5th 1986, at St Luke's, Chalfont, to Sue and Lewis, a son, Alexander.

WATTS - On November 3rd 1986, to Susan and Stephen, a daughter, Rebecca.

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Israel admits detention of nuclear 'spy'

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Mr Mordechai Vanunu, the Israeli who told *The Sunday Times* about his country's nuclear warheads, is under "legal detention" in Israel.

The Government admitted this yesterday in a terse statement issued after the weekly Cabinet meeting.

At the same time the statement denied categorically that Mr Vanunu was kidnapped from "British soil" by Mossad agents. It said that as this was wrong there was therefore no basis to reports that Mr Shimon Peres, when Prime Minister, had contacted Mrs Margaret Thatcher "to inform her about something that never took place".

The short statement ends three weeks of attempts by the military censors to try to stop the publication of stories that the nuclear technician was in custody awaiting trial.

The statement does not say how Mr Vanunu arrived in Israel after voluntarily checking out of his London hotel on September 30, before *The Sunday Times* story was published on October 5. Nor does it explain how he managed to leave Britain without his passport having been checked through immigration controls.

No details of the charges facing Mr Vanunu have been given and "due to sub judice regulations, no further details will be published". How he left England remains a mystery. Some reports have suggested he was kidnapped and shipped abroad in a crate in the way attempted with the former Nigerian Minister, Mr Umaru Dikko.

Yesterday's Cabinet statement denies such a kidnapping, but it does not rule out another story that Mr Vanunu was lured by a beautiful Mossad agent on to a yacht and that he was then arrested on the high seas, outside territorial waters.

This would explain why he left his passport voluntarily, why his passport was never seen and why he would make it accurate to say that he was not kidnapped "on British soil".

A third story has suggested that Mr Vanunu is himself a Mossad agent, who deliberately leaked the Israeli nuclear potential to frighten Arab states, particularly Syria, who might now be considering a military attack.

The Rev John McKnight, the Australian priest who converted Mr Vanunu to Christianity this year, has discounted this theory on the grounds that no Mossad plot would have gone so far as to require the conversion of an agent to Christianity.

The *Sunday Times* has hired a Tel Aviv lawyer, Mr Amnon Zichroni, and it is likely that this pressure was the main factor in forcing the Cabinet to make its statement.

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MPs demand inquiry on kidnap denials

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Conservative MPs were last night deeply suspicious about Israeli claims not to have kidnapped Mordechai Vanunu from London and plan to step up their demands for a full Government inquiry into his disappearance from Britain.

Mr Dennis Walters, MP for Westbury, who is seeking a Commons debate when Parliament reassembles this week, said: "It is obvious he did not go back to Israel of his own accord. The question is whether he was kidnapped in London or kidnapped somewhere else having been duped to leave London."

Mr Walters is concerned there may have been a serious breach of international law. Mr Anthony Beaumont-

Dark, MP for Birmingham, Selly Oak, wants the British Government to demand a full explanation from the Israeli Prime Minister as to how the defecting nuclear technician suddenly reappeared in Israel.

Meanwhile, Mrs Thatcher has denied she held any conversations with any member of the Israeli Government about Mr Vanunu prior to his departure from Britain.

The Foreign Office yesterday took note of Israel's denial that its agents abducted Mr Mordechai Vanunu in Britain (Our Whitehall Correspondent writes).

The cautious Foreign Office response to the Israeli cabinet's announcement was a signal that the denial is not necessarily accepted as true.



Maximum security at Cenotaph

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Britannia" that caused most commotion in Whitehall.

The Queen, in a black astrakhan coat, laid the first wreath after Royal Marine buglers had played "The Last Post" at the end of the two-minute silence. She was followed by the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York, all in Royal Navy uniforms, with Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, the Princess of Wales, Princess Anne and the Duchess of York looking on from balconies.

Tributes were then paid by the Prime Minister; Mr Neil Kinnock, Labour leader; Mr David Steel and Dr David Owen, the Alliance leaders, and Mr James Moynihan, Ulster Unionist Party leader.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, gave thanks in his Remembrance Sunday service to the acts of wartime heroism which, he said, served as a powerful antidote to cynicism.

Britain would never prosper if respect were lost for those who sacrificed their lives for the nation, he told the congregation at Canterbury Cathedral.

Pollution alert in North Sea

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Industrial growth in Germany, Switzerland and France.

Mercury is one of the heavy metals that are mined for various industrial purposes. Others include lead, arsenic and cadmium. They are also called the toxic metals because very small concentrations are required to poison animals and plants.

A similar incident with mercury 25 years ago, though spread over a longer period, gave the first hints of the extreme toxicity of the heavy metals.

It happened in the small Japanese coastal town of Minamata, where mercury poisoning originating in

Threat by Patten on rent arrears

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Outside the capital, Manchester city council is one of the worst offenders, with 10 per cent of rent worth £5 million going uncollected.

Mr Patten, who is addressing a London seminar organized by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities and the Association of District Councils, believes the failure to collect rent is due purely to bad management.

He is expected to tell the meeting that, unless councils start doing their job properly the Government will introduce new laws after the next election involving financial penalties for the worst offenders.

Mr Patten is convinced there is no connection between large rent arrears and social deprivation in inner city areas.

Chinook crash theory

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years make the blades spin horizontally again.

As the helicopter comes in to land the blades are tilted forwards slightly making the risk of collision between the blades far greater.

Somehow a cog in the combiner seized suddenly, stopping the horizontal spin. But the synchronizing shaft and the forward rotors were going round at such a speed that the forces snapped the linkage between the two causing a bang and a break up of the helicopter.

Now that the investigators know almost precisely what went wrong they will concentrate on finding out why.

"Anxious officials from the RAF and the USAF who have dozens of Chinooks in daily service have been in touch with the investigators and Boeing, the manufacturer, to ask if they should ground their aircraft in case there is a design fault. They have been assured that there is no inherent design problem."

Shultz to resign' rumours on Iran

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Angry members of Congress, including Mr Robert Dole, the Republican majority leader in the last Senate, expressed surprise and dismay at the revelations, and threatened to hold hearings on the whole question of relations with Iran.

The Administration refused to answer the charges of duplicity or clarify its actions. Mr Donald Regan, the White House Chief of Staff, said at the weekend that the Administration had not broken any laws. When it was free to talk about the matter, the American public would appreciate President Reagan's efforts to get the hostages released.

Tensions within the Administration are clearly running high, and Washington is bracing itself for an onslaught of criticism from Western allies.

Dr Henry Kissinger, the former Secretary of State, said on television yesterday that he was "deeply concerned" that the US had announced one policy, castigated its allies, and was secretly carrying out another policy.

He said negotiations for hostages made it more likely that other hostages would be taken. "In the long-term interest of the United States the decision to trade arms for hostages is unwise," he said.

Reports at the weekend said a secret channel to Iran was first opened in 1985 when Mr Robert McFarlane was the national security adviser.

It led to the secret shipment of arms and spare parts via Israel, and as a result the Reverend Benjamin Weir was freed in July 1985. Mr Shultz argued strongly against such dealings then, and President Reagan apparently ordered the operations halted.

However, despite a strong statement in May this year saying the US would "not pay ransoms, release prisoners, change its policies or agree to other acts that might encourage additional terrorism," Mr Reagan was persuaded in June to change his mind by the current national security adviser, Admiral John Poindexter.

The State Department was not officially informed, although a few aides found out about this. The White House also did not involve the CIA, fearing that it would have to report to Congress and there was then a real danger of a leak.

The operation was instead directed by the National Security Council.

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Prince and Princess of Wales leave for their visit to Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia from RAF Brize Norton, 10.30.

Princess Anne visits Daniel Trawlers plc

Princess Anne visits Daniel Trawlers plc, Swan Brewery, Blackburn, to mark the completion of the modernisation of the brewery, 11.55; and visits the offices of the Lancashire Evening Telegraph, 2.30; then visits Blackburn Borough Council's new Leisure Pool, 3.20.

The Duke of Kent, Honorary President, visits the Royal Geographical Society, Kensington Gore, SW7, 4.45.

New exhibitions

Watercolours by Olive Dring; NatWest Bank, Winchester. Sculptures and paintings by Tom Greenisholds and Thomas Ann Fletcher, Blake Gallery, Grosvenor Lane, Chelsea, 10 to 4 (ends Nov 22).

Drawings 1957-1986 by Bill Tidy; City Museum and Art Gallery, Foregate St, Worcester, Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 9.30 to Sat, 9.30 to 5.

Display by the North Downs Luce-makers; Basingstoke Public Library, Potters Walk, Basingstoke; library hours.

A Reputation amongst Artists; Norwich School of Art, Gallery, St George St, Norwich, Mon to Sat 10 to 5.

Stoneware and porcelain of British artist-potters; Peter Dingley Gallery, 8 Chapel St, Stratford-upon-Avon, 9.30 to 1.30 and 2.30 to 7.30. Closed Sun and Thurs afternoon.

Work by the Communist artist Robert Harris (1849-1919); Oriol Mostyn, Llandudno.

Concert by the English String Orchestra, Alexander Michajew (cello); Kiddeminster Town Hall, Kiddeminster, 7.30.

Concert by the Boys Choir, Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford, 8.

A Hungarian Evening by Telescopacian; Gregory Knowles (violin), Rosemary Furniss (violin) and Sue Bickley (piano); Walter Moberley Hall, Keele University, Keele, Staffs, 8.

Concert by the London Mozart Players, Jane Glover conductor; The Hexagon, Queens Walk, Reading, Berks, 7.30.

Roads

Midlands A1: Contraflow at Newark, southbound traffic can join the A1 at Carlton on Trent, but cannot leave at Cromwell, northbound traffic can join at Carlton on Trent. A41: Major roadworks between Falcon Hill and village hall, 4 miles N of Hatton on Warwick to Birmingham Road.

Wales and West: A36: Surbiton near on Carnarvon - Scerrier Bypass (Cornwall); contraflow between Scerrier and Avers roundabout.

The North A69: Bridge works and contraflow at Derwentham Viaduct (Gateshead) Western Bypass (Construction of interchange with A85 at Perth Western Bypass, inside lanes closed on both carriageways. Information supplied by AA

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Bond winners

The winning numbers for this week's draw for Premium Bond prizes are:

£100,000: 5BZ 692003 (The winner lives in Milton Keynes).

£50,000: 18WB 534612 (Essex).

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Nature notes

Siskins and redpolls are feeding together in alder trees. They deftly tease the seeds out of the small cones.

The dark brown streaks on the redpolls match the colour of the ripe cones, while the green siskins match the unripe cones.

The siskins are the more acrobatic, hanging upside down like blue tits.

Pink-footed geese have arrived from Greenland and Iceland to the northern estuaries.

By day they feed on grasses and winter wheat, but at night they return to the water, except when there is a bright moon, and they can see clearly enough to go on feeding in safety.

The low yellow sun in the early morning brings out the amber in the last chestnut leaves.

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Flowers that linger include ragwort, autumn hawkbit and the white bells of convolvulus or bindweed.

News are setting down for the winter under stones, and frogs will soon be burrowing into the mud at the bottom of ponds, while queen wasps are coming into houses to hibernate.

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Anniversaries

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Holiday operators report high sales

From Derek Harris Brisbane

Sales of next summer's holidays are well up on those sold this time last year, according to tour operators arriving here for the annual convention this week of the Association of British Travel Agents.

This comes on top of good profits from a package tour market which this summer grew by about 25 per cent after heavy price cutting by the leading operators.

The optimism among the 3,600 delegates about sales for next year was tempered by the fact that no-one was able to predict the strength of the boom or whether it would suddenly run out of steam.

Pickfords Travel, one of the top four retail agency chains, yesterday reported its sales up by 110 per cent on the same time last year - the increase in real terms being about 65 per cent after allowing for the effect of new outlet openings.

At Thomson Holidays, the market leader among the tour operators, Mr Paul Brett, managing director, said that sales for next summer's holidays were more than 610,000 - a third up on last year.

This is the upper limit of Thomson's expectations, leading the company to upgrade its forecasts for market growth next summer to 10 per cent.

Up to 45 per cent of the sales are in May when Thomson, like its key competitors, is offering many of its discounted bargains to encourage early booking.

June, with more offers, accounts for about another 30 per cent but up to 20 per cent of sales are high season holidays.

Significantly, even specialist brochure programmes, based on the five-star hotels where price rises have been most prominent, are showing sales increases of between 15 and 17 per cent.

Thomson, like many other tour operators, has kept its average price at this year's level by introducing a greater proportion of apartment and other self-catering holidays.

There has been increasing speculation that once the early bargains have gone tour operators were likely to re-launch brochures for the main high season with lower prices.

Industry leaders pledge backing for Tory victory

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Britain's industrial leaders yesterday broke with tradition and threw their full support behind the re-election of the Conservative Government.

On the eve of the tenth annual conference of the Confederation of British Industry at Bournemouth, the employers' group - which in the past has avoided stating any overt political preference - for the first time openly welcomed the prospect of a third consecutive win for the Tories.

Mr David Nickson, chairman of Scottish and Newcastle Breweries and the CBI president, said at a press conference that he fully agreed with the organization's retiring director-general, Sir Terence Beckett, who said in an interview with The Times last week that the election of a Labour Government would put Britain back into "the mayhem of the 1970s".

Mr Nickson added: "The climate for enterprise is now better in this country than for many years and we broadly agree with the present strategy of the Government."

Last week's autumn statement from Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, which promised some in-

crease in public expenditure and a pre-election stimulus to the economy, appears to have taken much of the steam out of CBI criticisms of government policy.

Sir Terence said that government spending was set to fall as a proportion of gross domestic product. The Chancellor was still on line to meet the target of the Government's medium-term financial strategy. "The Government did not deviate from that principle last Thursday and we support them."

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However, a number of the issues which could test the CBI leadership's loyalty to Mrs Thatcher's administration will arise during conference debates. Members are still clamouring for Britain to join the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System and the organization has yet to give its full support to tax cuts in the next Budget rather than strong fiscal measures to ease unemployment.

Yesterday, the CBI launched a 21-point business manifesto - with the prospect of a general election within a year - and said that un-

employment would be a central issue.

"While business obviously shares in the desire to see the number out of work reduced, it has also to resist those policies which will harm the economy and reduce our ability to compete in world markets."

"The CBI does not believe government can create large numbers of jobs by fuelling additional demand in the economy. This can only raise inflation, erode competitiveness and lead to fewer jobs."

The manifesto, to be sent to the Prime Minister and other political leaders, says that government should influence the climate and environment in which business operates.

The long-term objective over the next 25 years should be annual growth in consumer spending of 2.75 per cent per head which would be achieved only if Britain won back a greater share of world markets.

To encourage free enterprise and growth it was essential that the tax burden should be reduced significantly and to allow for this, real expenditure by Government should not increase by more than 1 per cent a year.

Coal 'into profit' within two years

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

British Coal will reveal this week that it is on target to move into profit in two years' time, that it is consistently beating productivity records and that it is still winning an increasing share of the industrial market.

Interim figures, to be published tomorrow, are expected to confirm that the industry has finally shaken off the effects of the year-long strike.

This is the first time for more than a decade that the industry has announced official forecasts of its performance half way through its financial year. Losses will be confined at about £250 million, but it is likely that the industry's new chairman, Sir Robert Haslam, will announce that total losses for the year will be contained at only £50 million more.

The industry has been badly hit by the fall in the world oil price which forced it to cut prices to the electricity supply industry, a move which took away £400 million in revenue.

However, productivity gains have been made with output during last month reaching 3.5 tonnes per man in each shift, an increase of 22 per cent on output last October.

The industry's sales teams have also been winning a

larger share of the industrial market, despite intense competition from the oil companies who have been able to pass on the effects of the fall in prices. However, the instability in the oil market - prices are expected to rise this week in the wake of new initiatives from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries - is being turned to cost's advantage.

Coal salesmen have been able to offer long-term contracts, guaranteeing supplies and prices. The fact that British Coal, then called the National Coal Board, was able to maintain supplies to all its industrial customers during the strike, has been a major factor in increasing market share.

The industry has also been helped by the Government grant scheme which meets part of the cost of converting industrial boilers from oil to coal. That scheme is due to expire next June and the industry is now attempting to persuade Mr Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, either to extend it or to make sure that any of the £75 million allocated towards it which has not been spent will be carried over so that late applicants can be considered.

Opencast mine owners seek increased prices

By Our Energy Correspondent

Privately-owned opencast coal operators are to meet the Central Electricity Generating Board today to try to renegotiate the contracts under which supplies from their sites are bought by the CEBG.

The board, which last year took more than 2 million tonnes from the 32 opencast operators, has said that this year it will take only 1 million tonnes and at a price of £29.50 a tonne.

That price is the same as that at which British Coal delivers the third tranche of its yearly 72 million-tonne contract. The first tranche is priced at £47 a tonne and the second at £34 a tonne.

The opencast operators argue that they cannot compete with the subsidised British

Coal third tranche price, particularly as they have to pay British Coal a royalty of £16 a tonne.

The Association of Opencast Operators has been advised that the CEBG arrangements with British Coal may be in breach of Common Market competition policy.

Saudi push for higher oil price

By David Young Energy Correspondent

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, has started a campaign to force the oil price back up towards \$18 a barrel by the end of the year.

King Fahd and the oil minister, Sheikh Hisham Nazari, have been involved in discussions over the weekend on the oil price.

The king has been seeking the support of the United Arab Emirates and Qatar to limit production and push up prices. Sheikh Nazari, who replaced Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, has persuaded the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to call a meeting of its price-fixing committee.

The committee, which has been dormant while Opec has pursued Sheikh Yamani's policy of maintaining market share and allowing the oil price to be set in the free market, will meet in Ecuador this week.

The committee consists of Libya, Ecuador and Kuwait, whose oil minister, Sheikh Ali Khalifa, will chair the meeting.

Sheikh Ali, who has been attempting to persuade Opec members to accept new quotas based on a more scientific formula, said in Kuwait yesterday that the committee will report to Opec's full ministerial meeting on December 11.

World prices are hovering at under \$15 a barrel and a move by Opec to return to a fixed reference price for its contract sales would increase Britain's North Sea tax revenues and return many projects scheduled for development in the North Sea back to viability.

At present, the 12 Opec members are limiting output to 15 million barrels a day, with Iraq exempted from the quota system.



Allies in Bournemouth yesterday: Sir Terence Beckett, left, and Mr David Nickson, who are united against what they describe as a return to 'the mayhem of the 1970s'

Lawson boom may ease the way for 2p income tax cut

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, is likely to find room for a sizeable reduction in income tax in the next Budget, through a combination of creative accounting and optimistic assumptions.

He is unlikely to attempt a cut in the basic rate of income tax to 25 per cent from the current 29 per cent in one move, although after last week's autumn statement the parameters of policy have clearly changed.

However, a 2p reduction in the rate is likely, costing £2.2 billion in 1987-88.

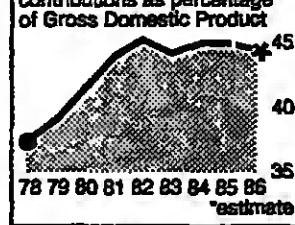
City economists, in assessing the Treasury's new spending plans - with the planning total for next year raised by £4.7 billion - conclude that the scope for tax cuts within the Chancellor's existing borrowing targets is limited.

Mr Bill Martin of Phillips & Drew estimates that £1 billion of tax cuts will be possible, a view shared by Mr Roger Bootle of Lloyds Merchant Bank.

But Mr Keith Skeoch of James Capel suggests that even without any tax cuts the Chancellor is likely to overshoot his borrowing targets.

THE TAX BURDEN

Taxes and social security contributions as percentage of Gross Domestic Product



On the BBC television programme This Week, Next Week, Mr Lawson said that the new spending plans would result in "not a penny piece of additional borrowing."

This suggests that he will be heavily constrained in any tax reductions next March. However, there are ways in which the Chancellor can break free of such constraints without apparently borrowing more.

A feature of the Lawson boom for consumer spending, apart from the fact that it has produced a widening trade deficit, is that non-oil tax revenues have been highly buoyant.

This is partly because of strong growth in earnings. In addition, when consumer

spending is already buoyant, any extra tends to go into goods which attract value-added tax, and not zero-rated goods such as food.

The Treasury will, therefore, be able to produce figures pointing to further strong rises in non-oil revenues. A cut in income tax, it will be argued, will partly finance itself.

The second route to tax cut arises from the new spending, targets themselves. Mr Lawson can be expected to argue that because these have now been set more realistically, the contingency reserve, currently £3.5 billion for next year, can be reduced.

Although the Chancellor's autumn statement was regarded as politically astute, the Government is still open to the charge that it has presided over a sharp increase in the tax burden.

Tax and social security contributions account for more than 44 per cent of national income, compared with 39 per cent in 1979.

The political pressure for tax cuts remains and the Chancellor reaffirmed his commitment to them yesterday.

ABF may become predator

By Carol Ferguson

Associated British Foods, the food manufacturer, may be about to make a major acquisition, City analysts believe.

Since it sold Fine Fare last June, its cash mountain has grown to £900 million and is generating investment income at a prodigious rate.

As a family-controlled company, or close company as it is legally called, ABF is required by law to distribute all its unearned income unless it can convince the Inland Revenue that it needs the cash for the

purposes of its trade, or that it has other plans for using the money. Otherwise, shareholders will be taxed as if they had received the cash.

On the basis of the 16 per cent increase in the interim dividend, the gross cost of this year's payout is likely to be £40 million. On any sort of reasonable return, ABF's income on its cash and investments will be twice that.

The easiest way to reduce the investment income is to make a major acquisition. Names like United Biscuits,

capitalized at £1 billion, and Northern Foods, capitalized at nearly £600 million, are the ones most mentioned as takeover possibilities in the food-manufacturing business, but minnopoly considerations would make such takeovers difficult.

The company is aware of the problem, Mr Gary Weston, the chairman, said: "It would be desirable to be a close company, raising the possibility that the Weston family will sell some of its shares."

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£5m purchase by Bodycote

Bodycote International is paying £5 million for L Marks, a company which supplies packets for seeds, and the catering industry.

The privately-owned company, of Stockport, Cheshire, will receive £4 million in cash and £1 million in new Bodycote shares. About another £1.5 million will be paid, depending on profits over the next two years.

Marks, trading under the name of Stockpack, made pretax profits of £728,000 in the year to March 31.

Brokers' weekend at work eases backlog of bargains

By Our City Staff

The City was a hive of activity at the weekend as scores of stockbrokers worked on both Saturday and Sunday to sort out the problems which had caused a backlog of 50,000 unmatched transactions.

They rallied to a call from Mr Michael Baker, head of the Stock Exchange Settlements Department, to work round the clock to ensure that the problems, caused by malfunctioning with the new Big Bang systems, were solved in time for Settlement Day, next Monday.

The Stock Exchange is now confident its target will be met. Of the 50,000 outstanding transactions - which represent 25,000 actual bargains - all but 32,000 were for gifts or overseas stocks, which are settled immediately or according to the regulations of the country concerned. That figure of 32,000 had been reduced to 26,000 by Friday morning and 20,500 by Saturday.

Talisman, the central settlement service operated by the

Stock Exchange, which checks and matches all bargains, will not be in action again until this evening but the Exchange is now forecasting a smooth run of about 6,000 transactions every night, clearing the remaining backlog well before the last Tallisman run on Friday.

Mr Luke Glass, the Stock Exchange press officer, said: "If we carry on at this rate then, in theory, we should have cleared 100 per cent by Thursday morning. But if we do, it will be the first time ever because there are always one or two erroneous ones which do not make it through. In the past we have always tried to get all but about 1 per cent cleared during the course of the account and it is now looking as if we will certainly be down to that figure."

The Talisman system rejects any bargain entries which contain even the smallest error. Since Big Bang the number of market-makers has increased from 19 to more than 60 and their inexperience, coupled with confusion and unfamiliarity with the increased number of market-makers' codes, has caused this unprecedented delay.

Mr Glass said: "The appeal for brokers to work at the weekend had a very good response, and most firms have now corrected all the errors in their paperwork, ready to feed it all straight into the system this week."

"There was never any question of clients who had sold stock not getting their cheques on time. It was only the stockbroking firms who would have been affected, if we had not been able to sort it out, and because they would not have had to pay for any acquisitions, the overall effect would have been minimal."

He said it was unlikely that weekend working would become a regular feature for settlement staff, as they become increasingly familiar with the new system, but he admitted that it might be necessary when dealings began in British Gas next month.

LCP chief angry over Ward White bid

By Carol Leonard

LCP Holdings, the property developer and car parts distributor, which is on the receiving end of a hostile £147 million takeover bid from Ward White, owner of Owen Owen and Payless DIY, has launched a fearsome four-pronged attack against its suitor.

At the weekend Mr David Rhead, chairman of LCP, wrote in Ward White shareholders. Today he will unveil his company's interim results - brought forward two weeks and certain to impress - and on Wednesday he publishes his defence document.

He has also complained to the Takeover Panel about the rise in Ward White's share price last week - from 303p to 323p.

Describing Mr Philip Birch, chairman of Ward White, as "just paper merchant," Mr Rhead says: "I'm a hands-on manager and I find it deeply offensive to be attacked in this way."

"I'm not normally a person whose response is anger but some of the things put out by Ward White are monstrous."

The LCP letter to Ward White's shareholders is unusual in that defending chairmen do not usually have direct contact with shareholders of the aggressor.

"It is unusual but it's not the first time," says Mr David Davies, of Schroders, LCP's adviser. "We decided to do it because Ward White's shareholders have to vote on the bid and we want to preempt that vote."

Mr Rhead, in his letter, urges shareholders to vote against the bid, warning them that their company might overstretch itself if it tried to simultaneously finance expansion at Whitlock, LCP's United States group of motor parts centres, and at its own recent acquisitions.

Mr Rhead writes: "Since its 1986 report and accounts Ward White's net borrowings have risen from £42.4 million to £92.1 million, an increase in debt as a percentage of shareholders' funds from 35.3 per cent to 80 per cent."

He also highlights the issue of yet more Ward White paper. "Some 24 million ordinary shares and 61 million convertible preference shares will be issued. Your shareholding is being diluted again barely six months after the Payless acquisition."

LCP's letter crossed with a LCP shareholder.

Mr Birch claims that the growth rate of LCP's pretax profits has declined over the past four years, that the trading profits of Whitlock increased by less than 1/2 per cent last year despite an increase in selling space and that last year's dividend of £3.7 million represented nearly two-thirds of earnings.

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Britain to face car onslaught by Italy

By Anne Warden
Britain's relative strength in the export market for specialty cars could face fierce competition from the expected combination of Alfa Romeo and Lancia under the proposals for Alfa's acquisition by Fiat.

The offer, in competition against a bid from Ford, was accepted by the Italian state industry holding group no Friday.

The two names together would constitute Europe's biggest luxury car company, according to Signor Cesare Romiti, Fiat group managing director.

Fiat intends to take a stake of at least 51 per cent in the proposed own company, in which it would invest about £4 billion, a spokesman said. The group, one of the six leading volume car makers in Europe, already owns the Ferrari sports car name as well as Lancia-Autobianchi.

Signor Umberto Agnelli, Fiat vice-president, said in Tokyo last month that "prestige" cars such as the Alfa models were the sort that could be the most attractive on one market on which the group has been focusing its attention recently - Japan.

Direct distribution there, was not proposed for the present, but was not ruled out, he said.

Fiat's acquisition of Alfa will take it further into the niche car territory in which Britain's car makers have remained relatively most successful, with Jaguar, in particular, in profit.

Laird to issue £100m notes

The Laird Group has appointed SG Warburg to arrange a £100 million commercial paper programme under which it intends to issue short-term notes denominated in sterling or dollars.

Dealers to the programme will be Samuel Moutagu and SG Warburg, with Samuel Moutagu also acting as issuing and paying agent.

Treasury coolness to private finance angers contractors

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

Civil engineering contractors are becoming increasingly angry at the Treasury's reluctance to support infrastructure building projects which are privately financed.

Leaders of the £4 billion industry say that even a few major schemes funded from private sources would have a spin-off effect across the depressed civil engineering sector.

The Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, presenting the results of its latest workload survey, said that most companies faced a gloomy future. Output was forecast to fall slightly in real terms this year or, at best, remain constant. In the public sector the industry was operating at levels last seen in the early Sixties before the motorway building boom.

In an attempt to boost infrastructure work, the federation has supported attempts within the industry to win Government approval for privately financed projects, an idea that has found favour among some Whitehall



Nigel Lawson: Fears about impact on the economy departments - but not at the Treasury.

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, is thought to be concerned about its possible impact on the economy - large sums of private capital being drawn to finance the building of roads, bridges, sewers and other public amenities might force up interest rates and increase inflation.

But Mr Derek Gaultier, director-general of the federation, said: "It is inexplicable to have a policy that does not encourage people to invest in this country and allows the

money to go abroad to improve the efficiency of our overseas competitors."

As a result of Treasury opposition, says the federation, previous Government exhortations for contractors to find alternative sources of finance have largely failed.

The latest survey shows that 9 per cent of all civil engineering companies have no work on their books although medium-sized companies, employing between 500 and 1,000 workers, are faring better than their bigger or smaller competitors.

Activity is improving in the South-east and London while a previous optimistic outlook in the South-west has faded.

The division between north and south has been widened further by reports from Scotland that the workload has deteriorated suddenly, leaving 14 per cent of contractors without work.

The federation said that margins were now very tight, tenders were lower in value and becoming more competitive and employment in the industry was continuing to decline.

Analyst warns of Japanese takeovers

By John Bell, City Editor

The powerful exporting companies of Japan may soon become corporate raiders according to a top Tokyo analyst.

The Group of Five accord, signed 14 months ago, which was designed to push the yen to much higher levels against the dollar, marked a watershed for those Japanese companies that for several decades have cut swathes through the world's electronics, vehicles, machine tool and heavy engineering industries.

A strong yen has become a permanent factor in their corporate lives. Today the largest are seeking new ways of coping to terms with a harsher trading environment. According to Mr Jeff Uscher, analyst at stockbroker House Government's Tokyo office, it is just a matter of time before they begin to use their substantial cash resources to diversify at home or to buy overseas manufacturing operations.

Mr Uscher calculates that there are five major Japanese companies with spare cash in their balance sheets of more than \$2 billion.

He has done his sums on the basis that these balances are liquid assets not committed to the day to day operations and could therefore be spent on acquisitions without affecting normal trading in any way.

Toyota, the motor group, has £7.8 billion available in this way, enough to buy, for example, GEC, Plessey and Racal - the bulk of Britain's electronics industry - in one fell swoop.

Hitachi has at its immediate disposal £3.3 billion, enough to swallow Bechtel, Sanyo Electric, with £1.75 billion, could write a cheque for both Cadbury-Schweppes and Rowatree.

"We expect the cash rich exporters to become bold corporate raiders and to justify their actions by saying that takeovers are necessary to bolster earnings and to preserve their traditional export businesses," Mr Uscher said.

Lawson faces hard task in delivering tax cuts

GILT-EDGED

Earlier this year, the long end of the gilt-edged market forced its way through the magical 10 per cent level - to enter territory unoccupied since the early 70s. As speculation grew that the long-term inflation of low inflation was within grasp, yields tumbled further - to go as low as 8 1/2 per cent by mid-April.

However, this steady downward movement went into reverse as investors increasingly realised that earlier enthusiasm had been overdone. So much so that in mid-September long gilt yields passed through 10 per cent once more - but this time travelling in the opposite direction.

In part this deterioration is attributable to global influences. The worldwide bond party, progressing so far earlier this year, has come to a grinding halt.

The United States long bond yield, for instance, which has come near to challenging 7 per cent, has since moved back to 7 1/2 per cent.

By far the greatest damage however, has been wrought by domestic considerations - the coming to the forefront of specifically British problems. Most harmful among these have been apprehensions about future inflation, trade performance and the political longevity of the present Government.

The latter concern has brought forth its own progeny: anxiety that the Government, confronted with an uncertain electoral prospect, would compromise its previous anti-inflationary commitment.

Such anxiety was initially fuelled by the headlong growth of money and credit and was reinforced by the Government's clear reluctance to sanction an increase to base rates, despite sterling's abysmal performance on the exchanges.

More recently fears about monetary policy have been supplemented by concern about fiscal policy.

Mr Lawson's revelation in

his autumn statement that next year's spending plans had been raised by £4 1/2 billion (the product of departmental spending programmes being boosted by an extraordinary £7 1/2 billion since earlier this year) has provoked a chorus of comment that the Government is opening the spending floodgates and, in so doing, is effecting a policy U-turn.

As with most distorted views of the world there is an element of truth in this. Such comment, however, tends to miss the point.

Certainly the Chancellor has been compelled - for fundamentally political reasons - to accept a great deal more public spending than he would have liked. However, to cave in reluctantly to the collective pressure of Cabinet colleagues is not the same as to endorse the shift.

Faced with such pressures, retention of the original, supposedly sacrosanct £144 billion planning total became impossible: the reserve would have been wholly exhausted. Instead, Mr Lawson decided to put a brave face on it, and to come clean.

But, crucially, Mr Lawson has emphasized the need for continuing fiscal prudence and is determined to stick to his £7 billion PSBR target for next year - the sole remaining vestige of his much-battered medium-term financial strategy.

If this is the case where is the money for the higher spending to come from? In part Mr Lawson is banking on continued strong growth in non-oil revenues but he will also have to use the money previously earmarked for tax cuts.

To say that scope for tax cuts next spring has wholly disappeared is premature. None the less, unless a sustained rise in the oil price comes to the rescue, early enough to be incorporated into Budget plans, Mr Lawson will be hard-pushed to deliver tax cuts while retaining a credible £7 billion PSBR target.

"But," some will object, "surely he will raise borrowing, rather than relinquish tax cuts ahead of a general election - particularly if by that time the Tories are no longer doing so well in the polls?"

Given that he has nailed his colours to the mast on the borrowing issue, it is difficult to see how he could adopt the higher borrowing course.

We certainly doubt that he will, although we are resigned to the fact that at present we may be in a minority.

If, indeed, we remain in that position, then the gilt-edged market will continue to be buffeted by fears about the future course of policy. These fears will wax and wane - together with perceptions of political risk - with the movements in the opinion polls.

And what of the outlook for short-term interest rates? Mr Lawson's gamble that the 1 per cent rise in interest rates implemented last month would be initially steady and subsequently rose.

Recently it has been underpinned by the hopes fostered by the departure of Sheikh Yamani, that \$18 a barrel is a realistic target and by the sharp comeback enjoyed by the Government in the opinion polls.

It is probable - if sterling's recent, much better showing is sustained - that hopes will grow that base rates can come down once more in the near future.

We suspect that any such hopes will prove unfounded. Having had one closely-fought conflict with the global currency markets, Mr Lawson will be unwilling to risk another. Consequently, he will err on the side of caution. For this reason base rates are likely to stay at 11 per cent well into 1987.

Ian Harwood and John Shepperd
The authors are directors of Warburg Securities.

DRI expects growth to slow

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

World economic growth prospects have deteriorated, according to the latest forecast from DRI Europe, published today.

The result will be significantly lower growth in the British economy than was forecast in the Treasury's autumn statement.

DRI expects a slowing of growth in Britain from almost 3 per cent this year (the Treasury estimate was 2.5 per cent) to 2.4 per cent next and 1.8 per cent in 1988.

The Treasury forecast is for 3 per cent growth for next year. However, DRI cites three factors in its gloomier assessment of prospects.

The first is that the US economy has slowed and the correction in the US trade imbalance is now expected to take longer than originally thought. In addition, the rebasing of US national accounts to 1982 prices shows slower growth.

A second factor is the relatively sluggish performance of the German economy because of the weakness of construction investment and exports. Germany is forecast to grow by only 2.1 per cent next year.

Thirdly, the boom after the fall in world oil prices is now taking place but is not that substantial. In most countries

it will be insufficient to reduce unemployment, the forecasters say.

The relatively unexciting growth in prospect for Europe is likely to lead to renewed calls from the United States for expansionary policies, notably in Germany.

But DRI says that such calls are misdirected. "Europe cannot help the United States because it is not a large enough trading partner."

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COMPANY NEWS

- WINDSMOOR (HOLDINGS):** Results for the six months to August 28. No interim dividend. Figures in £000s. A final dividend of 2p for the year ending January 31 1987 is to be recommended. Earnings per share 2.62p (2.32p).
- BRITISH VITAS:** The company to purchase the Midlands-based PEC and Glazette companies and the related polymeric interests of JMC Compounds and Luvacore, for £2.16 million cash. The companies have an annual turnover of around £3 million.
- BRITISH INVESTMENT TRUST:** Interim dividend 7.2p (6.6p). Net asset value per ordinary share at September 30 - 59.9p, and at January 31 1986 - 56.5p.
- DODCHESTER INVESTMENTS:** Results for the half year to September 30 (figures in £m). Interim 1.2p or UK£1.8p (1r.15p). Earnings per share 11.61p (9.27p) and fully diluted 7.75p (6.20p).
- CALEDONIA INVESTMENTS:** Results for the six months to September 30 (figures in £000s). Interim 2.2p (2p). Turnover 5,690 (5,096). Investment income 4,418 (3,417). Net profit 1,272 (1,680). Earnings per share 0.32p (1.45p).
- RUO ESTATES HOLDINGS:** Interim 3p, payable December 17.
- GRAMPIAN TELEVISION:** Results for the six months to August 31. Interim 0.43p (same), pay January 9. Turnover £8,764,000 (£7,496,225). Pretax profit £28,458 (£261,745). Tax £176,000 (£121,000). Earnings per share 1.87p (1.04p).
- BURTONWOOD BREWERY:** Results for the 26 weeks to September 27. Interim 2.5p (same), figures in £000s. Turnover 16,011 (£15,377). Pretax profit 1,696 (£1,387). Tax 452 (£55). Earnings per share 23.7p (17.8p).
- AMBER INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS:** Results for the six months to September 30. Interim 3p (2.8p). Figures in £000s. Turnover 4,600 (£4,166). Trading profit 625 (£623). Earnings per share 12.2p (11p).
- ROTHMANS INTERNATIONAL:** Results for the six months to September 30. Interim 3.25p (same) or 2.27p (1.25p) cents interim cash distribution (1.25 cents). Sales 198,335 (£40,867). Profit before tax 14,430 (£6,624). Tax 6,43 (£4,599). Minority 471 (£638).
- NORFOLK CAPITAL GROUP:** Of the 11,500,000 new ordinary shares offered by way of a rights issue, more than 90 per cent were taken up. New ordinary shares not taken up have been sold and the excess over subscription price of 2p per new ordinary share will be distributed.
- BRITISH BORNEO PETROLEUM SYNDICATE:** Results for the half year to September 30 in £000s. Interim dividend 7p (6p). Profit on dealing activities 55,241 (£7,121). Pretax profit 890,721 (£18,575). Tax 264,432 (£26,066). Earnings per share 13.9p (12.4p).
- GLEN ABBEY:** Results for the half year ended June 30. Interim dividend 1.5p or UKA 68p (nil). Figures in £000s. Group turnover 3,532 (£219). Pretax loss 205 (£103). No tax (nil). Loss per share 3.7p (2.9p).
- NORTHERN SECURITIES TRUST:** Dividend 0.7p (0.7p) for the six months to September 30 payable December 22. Income from investments £30,470 (£559,703). Pretax profit £116,839 (£243,972). Tax £78,765 (£84,855). Earnings per share 0.32p (1.45p).
- VORKLYDE:** Interim dividend 2.75p (2.75p) for the six months to July 31. Turnover £3,835,000 (£4,402,000). Pretax profit £1,154,000 (£1,135,000). Earnings per share 16.0p (14.5p).
- ADWEST GROUP:** At the annual meeting it was announced that in the first three months of the present year group sales, excluding acquisitions, are about the same as in the previous year.
- DSC HOLDINGS:** Mr DC Newton, holder of 400,000 shares (12.7 per cent), has joined the board.
- AQUASCUTUM GROUP:** Results for the half year to July 3 (figures in £000s). Interim 0.8p on enlarged share capital (0.8p). Turnover 17,151 (£16,336). Tax 480 (£201). Earnings per share 2.72p (1.02p adjusted).
- OWEN & ROBINSON:** The company has entered into an agreement to purchase their existing beneficial shareholdings in Acrogold. The vendors each hold 25 per cent of the issued share cap of Acrogold.
- GIEVES GROUP:** Results for the six months to July 31 (figures in £000s). Interim 1.2p (1p) to reduce disparity, payable December 19. Total turnover 19,397 (£16,445). Trading profit 618 (£37). Earnings per share 4.1p (3.6p).
- HELICAL BAR:** Results for the half year to August 2. Figures in £000s. Turnover 6,593 (£3,713). Operating profit 448 (£42). Interest payable 14 (£22). Pretax profit 434 (£120). Tax 165 (£60). Profit after tax 269 (£60). Earnings per share 6.7p (0.8p).
- DAKS SIMPSON GROUP:** Results for the 53 weeks to July 31 (52 weeks) in £000s. Dividend 5.25p (4.75p) making 7p (5.75p), payable January 2. Turnover 46,899 (£9,943). Pretax profit 3,856 (£2,539). Earnings per share 36.81p (21.29p).

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USM REVIEW

Six years old and junior takes on a grown-up look

The Unlisted Securities Market celebrates its sixth birthday this week amid signs that its unfashionable phase is drawing to an end. The high ratings, which most companies commanded two years ago, have either been overtaken by rapid profit growth or share prices are at a point where many may offer good value.

stocks are classified under the beta or gamma categories, with at least two market-makers in each stock. The brokers' involvement in the marketing of smaller companies is likely to increase. Problems which have pre-occupied investors in the USM do not appear to have filtered through to companies wishing to join the market.

Isabel Unsworth
The author is a member of the smaller companies' unit at Phillips & Drew.

US NOTEBOOK

New dollar bands add to pressure on deficit

From Maxwell Newton New York
This week has seen the establishment of a new set of "narrow bands" for the foreign exchange value of the dollar - part and parcel of the general return towards fixed exchange rates between the yen, mark, Swiss franc and dollar.

COMMENT
A new deal between the City and industry

Market forces, like the sea, are powerful, bountiful but dangerous. And, as with the sea, the wise man treats the free market with the utmost respect, interfering only at the margin and after much thought. Many delegates at the CBI's conference in Bournemouth fear that new competitive market forces in the City pose dangers to the health of industry because company shares are being reduced to commodity status. They are right to be worried.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Table with multiple columns listing various unlisted securities, including company names, prices, and other financial data.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table with multiple columns listing investment trusts, including company names, prices, and other financial data.

COMPANY NEWS

BOOSEY & HAWKES: No interim dividend for six months to June 30. Figures in £000. Turnover 18,600 (18,930) trading loss before interest 408 (200) profit costs associated with nil (676) interest payable (less investment receivable) 1,021 (915) loss before tax 1,429 (1,391) tax 146 (194).

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Table with multiple columns listing financial trusts, including company names, prices, and other financial data.

APPOINTMENTS

Christie and Company: Mr Geoffrey Knowles and Mr Colin Wellstead are now directors. Hertz Europe: Mr Robin Davies has become vice-president, sales and marketing. Mr Tom Jans is now senior marketing vice-president.



James Baker: little success in devaluing the dollar

Graham Searjeant Financial Editor

There was a preliminary report on Thursday when it was realized that a big payroll employment number could be published on Friday. When the number came out at a 300,000 increase for October, however, the bond market reaction was cool.

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- (b) Save where the context otherwise requires, terms defined in the Listing Particulars relating to the Company dated 7th November, 1986 ("the Listing Particulars") bear the same meaning when used herein or in the Application Forms.
- (c) Any contract created by acceptance (whether in whole or in part) of any application shall constitute a separate contract for the purchase of the ordinary shares purchased from a vendor shareholder by the relevant applicant and/or a separate contract for the subscription of the new ordinary shares subscribed from the Company by the relevant applicant and these terms and conditions shall be construed accordingly.
- (d) Offered shares acquired under the Offer will be registered by the Company in the names of successful applicants or persons in whose favour renounceable letters of acceptance have been effectively renounced, without further cost in relation to United Kingdom stamp duty being payable by such persons, provided that, in cases of renunciation, letters of acceptance (duly completed in accordance with the instructions therein) are lodged for registration not later than 3.00 p.m. on Friday, 9th January, 1987.
- (e) The right is reserved for Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited ("Morgan Grenfell") to present for payment any cheque or banker's draft received and to reject in whole or in part or to scale down any application including, without limitation, multiple or suspected multiple applications made at the same tender price. In particular, to the extent that an application (if accepted in full) would result in a holding in excess of five per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company following the Offer, it may be scaled down. If any application is not accepted in whole or in part or is scaled down, or is accepted at a lower price than that tendered, the application money or, as the case may be, the balance thereof will be returned (without interest) by returning the cheque or banker's draft accompanying the application, or by sending a crossed cheque in favour of the applicant(s), through the post to the first-named applicant.
- (f) By completing and delivering an Application Form you:
 - (1) offer to subscribe from the Company and/or purchase from the vendors or any of them the number of ordinary shares specified in your Application Form for any smaller number for which the application is accepted at the price per share indicated in Box 2 of the Application Form (or any lower price for which the application is accepted) or, if no price per share is indicated in Box 2 of the Application Form, at the minimum tender price, subject to the Listing Particulars (of which these Terms and conditions of application and the Procedure for application form part) and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company;
 - (2) agree that you will accept such ordinary shares as may be allocated to you in accordance with the provisions contained in paragraph 1(b) below;
 - (3) authorise Lloyds Bank Plc, Registrar's Department to (a) send a Letter of Acceptance for the number

- of ordinary shares for which your application is accepted and, if applicable, a crossed cheque for any money returnable, by post to your address (or that of the first-named applicant) as set out in your Application Form and procure that your name (together with the name(s) of any other joint applicant(s)) is placed on the Register of Members of the Company in respect of such ordinary shares the entitlement to which is not duly renounced; or (b) return the cheque or banker's draft accompanying your application by post to your address (or that of the first-named applicant) as set out in your Application Form;
- (4) agree that, in consideration of the Company and the vendors agreeing that they will not prior to 5th December, 1986 allot or, as the case may be, sell any of the ordinary shares being offered to any person other than by means of the procedure referred to in the Listing Particulars, your application may not be revoked until after 5th December, 1986 and that this paragraph constitutes a collateral contract between you, the Company and the vendors which will become binding upon despatch by post, or, if despatched otherwise than by post, receipt by Lloyds Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, of your Application Form;
- (5) warrant that your renunciation will be honoured on first presentation;
- (6) agree that any Letter of Acceptance and any money returnable to you may be retained pending clearance of your renunciation;
- (7) agree that all applications, acceptances of applications and contracts resulting therefrom will be governed by and construed in accordance with English law;
- (8) warrant that, if you sign the Application Form on behalf of somebody else or on behalf of a corporation, you have due authority to do so;
- (9) confirm that in making such application you are not relying on any information or representation in relation to the Company or any of its subsidiaries other than those contained in the Listing Particulars and you accordingly agree that no person responsible solely or jointly for the Listing Particulars or any part thereof will have any liability for any such other information or representation;
- (10) warrant that you are not a US person (as defined in paragraph 1(b) below) and are not applying on behalf of, or with a view to re-offer, sale, renunciation or transfer to, or for the benefit of, any such person; and
- (11) warrant that you are not, and are not applying as nominee or agent for, a person who is or may be liable to notify and account under the Stamp Duty Reserve Tax Regulations 1986 for stamp duty reserve tax at any of the increased rates referred to in section 93 (depository receipts) or section 96 (clearance services) of the Finance Act 1986.
- (g) Acceptance of applications will be effected at the election of Morgan Grenfell either (1) by notification of the basis of allocation to The Stock Exchange or (2) by notice by Morgan Grenfell of acceptance thereof to Lloyds Bank Plc.
- (h) The basis of allocation will be determined by Morgan Grenfell in its absolute discretion. An applicant may be allocated new ordinary shares allotted by the Company and/or ordinary shares sold by the vendors for any of them. Morgan Grenfell may in its absolute discretion determine, in accordance with normal principles of English law, the remedies available to persons contracting with the Company in relation to new ordinary shares may differ from those available to persons contracting with the vendors in relation to ordinary shares sold by the vendors.
- (i) All documents and cheques sent by post will be at the risk of the person(s) entrusted thereto.

- (j) No person receiving a copy of the Listing Particulars or an Application Form in any territory other than the United Kingdom may treat the same as constituting an invitation or offer to him, nor should he in any event use such form unless, in the relevant territory, such an invitation or offer could lawfully be made to him or such form could lawfully be used without contravention of any registration or other legal requirements. Any person outside the United Kingdom wishing to make an application hereunder must satisfy himself as to full observance of the laws of any relevant territory in connection therewith, including obtaining any requisite governmental or other legal consents which may be required and compliance with any other requisite formalities, and paying any issue, transfer or other taxes due in any such territory.
- (k) The ordinary shares which are being offered have not been, and will not be, registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Accordingly, such shares may not be offered, sold, renounced or transferred, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the benefit of, any US person or to any person purchasing such shares for re-offer, sale, renunciation or transfer in the United States or to, or for the benefit of, any US person as part of the distribution of such shares. Application Forms incorporate a warranty that the applicant is not a US person and is not applying on behalf of, or with a view to re-offer, sale, renunciation or transfer to, or for the benefit of, any US person. Registration application forms on Letters of Acceptance will contain a warranty to the same effect by or on behalf of the persons in whose names the ordinary shares are to be registered. "US person" means any national, citizen or resident of the United States or the estate or trust of any such person, any corporation, partnership or other entity created or organised in or under the laws of the United States, or any political sub-division thereof, and any United States branch of a non-US person; "United States" means the United States of America, its territories and possessions.

Copies of the Listing Particulars can be obtained from the Registered Office of the Company at 99-99 Ludbrook Grove, London W11 1PG, from:

- Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited
New Issue Department
71 London Wall
London EC2M 5NL
- Rowe & Pizano Ltd.
1 Finsbury Avenue
London EC2M 2FA
- Lloyds Bank Plc
Registrar's Department
Issue Section
11 Bishopsgate
London EC2N 3LB
- from the following branches of Lloyds Bank Plc:
Birmingham
125 Colmore Row
Edinburgh
113/115 George Street
Liverpool
India Buildings
Water Street
Reading
24 Broad Street
and from all Virgin retail outlets.
- Cardiff
27 High Street
Leeds
67 Park Row
Manchester
53 King Street

Acceptance and dealing arrangements

The Offer is being made by tender to raise a total fixed gross amount of £60,000,000 ("the Fixed Amount") representing a fixed gross amount of £32,100,000 to be raised by the Company and a fixed gross amount of £27,900,000 to be raised, in aggregate, by the vendors. An applicant may offer to purchase or subscribe ordinary shares either at the minimum tender price or at a higher price which is a whole multiple of 5p. The price at which applications for ordinary shares are accepted is known as the "striking price" and will be determined by Morgan Grenfell. The striking price will be a price at which applications for a number of ordinary shares which will not be less than the minimum tender price will be sufficient to raise a sum at least equal to the Fixed Amount. The striking price will not necessarily be the highest such price but will not be less than the minimum tender price. If the striking price is higher than the minimum tender price the number of ordinary shares allocated and/or sold under the Offer will be reduced pro rata so that the Fixed Amount is raised. In deciding the striking price, Morgan Grenfell will take account of a number of factors, principally the need to establish a satisfactory market for the ordinary shares at the minimum tender price, subject to the Listing Particulars (of which these Terms and conditions of application and the Procedure for application form part) and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company.

The Application List will open at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 13th November, 1986 and will close as soon thereafter as Morgan Grenfell may determine. The striking price and the basis on which applications have been accepted will be announced as soon as possible after the Application List closes. It is expected that Letters of Acceptance will be posted to successful applicants on Wednesday, 19th November, 1986 and that dealings in the ordinary shares will commence on Thursday, 20th November, 1986. Dealings prior to receipt of renounceable letters of acceptance will be at the risk of applicants. A person so dealing must recognise the risk that an application may not have been accepted to the extent anticipated or at all.

Up to ten per cent. of the offered shares will in the first instance be made available at the striking price to meet applications from full-time employees of the Group and Virgin associates and nominees. These applications will be made on the preferential application forms available to them which specify the amount of money to be expended rather than the number of shares for which application is made. The preferential allocation to nominees and nominees will be limited to three per cent. of the offered shares unless and to the extent that the remaining seven per cent. of offered shares the subject of these preferential arrangements is not taken up by employees. The preferential allocation to employees will be limited to seven per cent. of the offered shares unless and to the extent that the remaining three per cent. of offered shares the subject of these preferential arrangements is not taken up by nominees and nominees.

The Commissioners of Inland Revenue have confirmed that they will accept notification and payment by Morgan Grenfell of any stamp duty reserve tax liability incurred on the acceptance of applications under the Offer by applicants who are allocated vendors' shares as discharging any liability of such applicants to notify and account for the tax under the Stamp Duty Reserve Tax Regulations 1986. The Company has been advised that:

- (i) a person who agrees with another for a consideration in money or money's worth that that person transfer rights represented by a Letter of Acceptance will generally be liable to stamp duty reserve tax at the rate of 50p per £100 (or part thereof) on the amount or value of the consideration;
- (ii) the consideration for an sale of ordinary shares otherwise than by delivery of a renounceable Letter of Acceptance or following registration of renunciations will be subject to ad valorem stamp duty on the instrument of transfer, generally at the rate of 50p per £100 (or part thereof) on the amount or value of the consideration. Where an agreement to transfer such shares is not completed by a duly stamped instrument of transfer a charge to stamp duty reserve tax (generally at the same rate) may arise; and
- (iii) no stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax will be payable by applicants or nominees in respect of the registration of renounceable Letters of Acceptance on or before the latest date for registration.

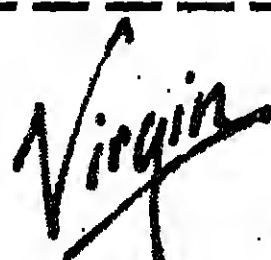
The above statements are made as a general guide in the current position. Certain categories of person are not liable to stamp duty reserve tax and others may be liable at higher rates or may, although not primarily liable for the tax, be required to notify and account for it under the Stamp Duty Reserve Tax Regulations 1986. Any person who is in doubt as to his position should consult his professional adviser.

In cases of renunciation, Letters of Acceptance (duly completed in accordance with the instructions contained therein) must be lodged for registration by 3.00 p.m. on Friday, 9th January, 1987. Share certificates will be despatched on or before 6th February, 1987.

Procedure for application

1. Insert in Box 1 (in figures) the number of ordinary shares for which you are applying. Applications must be for a minimum of 200 ordinary shares and in one of the following multiples:
 - (a) for not more than 1,000 shares, in a multiple of 100 shares;
 - (b) for more than 1,000 shares, but not more than 5,000 shares, in a multiple of 500 shares;
 - (c) for more than 5,000 shares, but not more than 10,000 shares, in a multiple of 1,000 shares;
 - (d) for more than 10,000 shares, but not more than 50,000 shares, in a multiple of 5,000 shares;
 - (e) for more than 50,000 shares, in a multiple of 10,000 shares.
2. Insert in Box 2 (in figures) the price you are willing to pay for each share. Applications must be made either at the minimum tender price of 120p or at any higher price which is a whole multiple of 5p. If no price is inserted in Box 2, your application will be treated as an application at the minimum tender price of 120p.
3. Insert in Box 3 (in figures) the amount of your cheque or banker's draft. The amount of your cheque or banker's draft should be the price you have inserted in Box 2 multiplied by the number of ordinary shares inserted in Box 1.
4. Sign and date the Application Form in Box 4. The Application Form may be signed by someone else on your behalf, if he is duly authorised to do so, in which case the power(s) of attorney must be enclosed for inspection. A corporation should sign under the hand of a duly authorised official whose representative capacity must be stated.
5. Insert your full name and address in BLOCK CAPITALS in Box 5.
6. You must pin a separate cheque or banker's draft to each completed Application Form. Your cheque or banker's draft must be made payable to "Lloyds Bank Plc" for the amount payable on application inserted in Box 3 and should be crossed "Not Negotiable". No receipt will be issued for this payment, which must be solely for the application. Your cheque or banker's draft must be drawn in sterling on an account at a branch (which must be in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man) of a bank which is either a member of the London or Scottish Clearing Houses or which has arranged for its cheques and banker's drafts to be presented for payment through the clearing facilities provided for the members of these Clearing Houses. An application may be accompanied by a cheque drawn by someone other than the applicant(s), but any money to be returned will be returned to the first-named applicant, by sending the cheque or banker's draft accompanying the application or a crossed cheque in favour of the person(s) named in Boxes 5 and 7. A cheque or banker's draft must accompany each application. An application will not be considered unless these conditions are fulfilled.
7. You may apply jointly with other persons. You must then arrange for the Application Form to be completed by or on behalf of each joint applicant up to a maximum of three other person(s). Their full names and addresses should be inserted in BLOCK CAPITALS in Box 7.
8. Box 8 must be signed by or on behalf of each joint applicant (other than the first applicant who should complete Box 5 and sign in Box 4). If anyone is signing on behalf of any joint applicant(s), the power(s) of attorney must be enclosed for inspection.

You must detach and send the completed Application Form by post, or deliver it by hand, to Lloyds Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, Issue Section, P.O. Box 1000, 11 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 3LB so as to be received not later than 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 13th November, 1986. It is not possible to apply in person. You are recommended to use first class post and to allow at least one day for delivery.



Virgin Group plc APPLICATION FORM

Offer by Tender by Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited as agent for Virgin Group plc ("the Company") and the vendors (as defined in the Listing Particulars relating to the Company dated 7th November, 1986) of up to 50,000,000 Ordinary Shares of 10p each to raise £60,000,000 with a minimum tender price of 120p per share, the amount tendered being payable in full on application.

I/we offer to acquire ordinary shares in Virgin Group plc (or any smaller number of shares for which this application is accepted) at per share (or any lower price for which this application is accepted) or, if no price per share is inserted, at the minimum tender price on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the Listing Particulars dated 7th November, 1986.

and I/we attach a cheque or banker's draft for the amount payable, namely

Dated Signature

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

Mr, Mrs, Miss or title Forename(s) in full

Surname

Address in full

Postcode

Pin here your cheque/banker's draft for the exact amount in Box 3 made payable to Lloyds Bank Plc and crossed "Not Negotiable"

Fill in this section only when there is more than one applicant. The first or sole applicant should complete Box 5 and sign in Box 4. Insert below only the names and addresses of the second and subsequent applicants, each of whose signatures is required in Box 8.

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

Mr, Mrs, Miss or title Forename(s)	Mr, Mrs, Miss or title Forename(s)	Mr, Mrs, Miss or title Forename(s)
Surname	Surname	Surname
Address	Address	Address
Postcode	Postcode	Postcode

Signature

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* Note: Attention is drawn to the warranty concerning US persons contained in paragraph 1(i)(10) of "Terms and conditions of application".

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1313.3 (-3.9) FT-SE 100 1656.2 (-6.4) Bargains 34978 (34411) USM (Datastream) 130.44 (+1.34) THE POUND US Dollar 1.4375 (-0.0100) W German mark 2.9397 (-0.0052) Trade-weighted 69.4 (same)

Saudis aim for \$18 oil

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia yesterday reassessed that the oil-rich kingdom wants to send the world oil price back up to \$18 a barrel by the end of this year. He said through an official spokesman that the kingdom is committed to maintaining the present Opec agreement until the end of this year and then set the price at \$18 "as a first stage".

Amersham up

Amersham International increased its pretax profits for the six months to the end of September by 34 per cent to £10.4 million. Turnover rose from £55.7 million to £69 million. The dividend was increased from 2.4p to 2.8p. Tempus, page 28

Science chief

Dr Alan Rudge has been appointed director of research and technology at British Telecom, in charge of a £180 million annual budget. He is at present chief executive and managing director of ERA Technology, an independent contract research organization. He replaces Mr Bill Jones who is being succeeded by the International Management Institute in Geneva.

Lucas up 65%

Pretax profits at Lucas Industries jumped 65 per cent to £95.2 million for the year to July 31. Turnover was up 8 per cent to £1.6 billion. The dividend was raised by 18 per cent to 13p. Tempus, page 25

Fraser shares

House of Fraser, the department store group, did not close its preference share register yesterday due to the appeal by Lorrain against a recent decision by the Scottish Court of Session to allow the company to alter its capital structure.

£1m deal

Auxiglass, the French subsidiary of Hartons Group, is to buy Promoplastiques, of Paris, for Fr9.65 million (£1 million) cash.

No referral

The merger of A Mook and Davy Corporation will not be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

Bibby sells

J Bibby & Sons is selling Twydale Turkeys to Hillsdown for £15 million. The net asset value of Twydale is £8 million.

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Special measures likely for flood of Gas share deals

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The Stock Exchange is likely to adopt special measures to cope with dealings in British Gas shares because of the massive volume of trading expected once the company is floated next month.

To avoid overloading the market's settlements system the Exchange is considering allowing market participants to lump together small British Gas deals done with the same broker or market-maker into larger "blocks".

These could then be settled between the market participants on a wholesale basis. They would not have to be put through the Exchange's Clear Settlements system, so avoiding the need to match up every individual transaction.

The main necessity they would simply be for market participants to match the number of shares in the block with the money value. If one block included, say, 100 shares, the transaction volume in British Gas shares would be cut by a factor of 100.

The stock market has run into problems in settling deals

in ordinary shares during the last few weeks, giving rise to fears that any greater volume of trading would cause the settlements system to break down.

Some City experts expect that dealings in British Gas shares could be 10 times as great as in Trustee Savings Bank shares which have already caused severe settlement problems.

Turnover in TSB shares last week was about £11 million a day, with a large number of transactions in amounts of 350 to 1,000 shares, producing a very large number of individual transactions. These have all had to be checked between brokers and market-makers and then processed through the Stock Exchange's own transaction-checking system before they could be settled.

The TSB started with about 3 million shareholders, most of whom had small numbers of shares. British Gas is likely to have up to 4 times that many small shareholders.

The number of British Gas



Sir Kenneth Berrill yesterday: confident that one of the last important gaps has been closed (Photograph: Chris Harris)

Cash offer in PWS' Heath bid

By Alison Eadie

PWS Holdings, the expansionist Lloyd's broker, has introduced a cash offer to its previously all-paper bid for its fellow broker CE Heath. It has also increased its terms and declared them final.

The revised terms failed to impress Heath, which continued to urge rejection and argued in favour of the agreed merger with Fielding Insurance.

PWS said its offer would lapse if Heath shareholders approved the Fielding deal and the acquisition was completed.

PWS is now offering three of its own shares and four convertible preferred shares for four Heath shares, valuing Heath shares at 537½p and the company at £173.2 million, based on last night's closing prices.

Heath shareholders can take cash instead of PWS shares at 275p per share. They can also retain Heath's interim dividend of 10p gross per share payable for the six months to the end of September.

Heath pointed out that PWS's first offer was worth 605p a share and its final increased offer was worth 557p at the time it was made. The 12p fall in PWS's share price yesterday to 290p reduced the value further.

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Shoppers send borrowing to £2.91bn record

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Retail sales and consumer credit continue to boom, according to government figures. The volume of sales and credit advanced reached record levels in September.

The Lawson boom in the high streets has produced big increases in consumer borrowing, particularly on bank credit cards.

In September, £2.91 billion of new credit was advanced, compared with £2.68 billion in August. The previous record was £2.74 billion in April. In the latest three months there was a 9 per cent rise in consumer credit.

Bank credit cards — Access and Barclaycard — accounted for £1.25 billion on credit advanced in September, and are taking over from hire purchase as the most popular form of credit.

Officials at the Department of Trade and Industry said that much of the credit advanced on Access and Barclaycard is paid off before it becomes subject to interest. Credit cards, thus, differ from the fixed-term hire purchase arrangements.

Even so, the amount of consumer credit outstanding has risen steadily. At the end of September it stood at £23.2 billion, nearly £600 for every adult in Britain.

The total of credit outstanding compared with £22.1 billion at the end of June and

£20.8 billion at the end of last year.

Retail sales increased strongly in September, the Department of Trade and Industry's final figures showed. There was a 1 per cent increase in sales volume, after a 0.9 per cent increase in August.

Sales volume was up by 1.8 per cent in the July-September period, compared with the previous three months and by 5.2 per cent, compared with a year earlier.

Sales volume was 6.6 per cent higher than in September last year. The strongest increases in sales were seen by mixed retail businesses such as Marks and Spencer, followed by non-food retailers. Food retailers have had a smaller sales boom.

The value of sales in September averaged £1.78 billion a week, 10.4 per cent up on a year earlier. So far this year, the value of sales is running 8 per cent higher than in the first nine months of last year.

Retail sales appear to have held up well last month. The John Lewis Partnership said that half-term holidays had helped speeding, with some indications of Christmas spending coming through.

The Retail Consortium said that the return of cheques for unsuccessful TSB applications was one factor which may have boosted sales last month.

Weaker pound pushes factory costs higher

By Our Economics Correspondent

The pound's weakness again pushed up industry's raw material and fuel costs last month, with further increases likely in the coming months even if sterling holds steady.

The index of input prices for manufacturing industry rose by 1.1 per cent last month, after a 1.7 per cent increase in September. The main reason for last month's rise was the 3 per cent drop for the pound against the dollar between September and October.

Manufacturing industry's material and fuel costs last month were still down on a year earlier, by 5.3 per cent compared with 7.4 per cent in September.

But several industries are seeing higher costs than a year ago, in spite of the sharp drop in oil prices.

These include food, drink and tobacco; mechanical engineering; motor vehicles and parts; and footwear and clothing.

The pound's fall, which for these industries has offset the effects of lower oil and commodity prices, has not persisted so far this month.

Yesterday, after some early strength, the sterling index closed unchanged at 69.4.

Even so, because there are lags between exchange rate changes and effects on costs, industry's input costs can be expected to rise further in the coming months.

The gap between industry's costs and prices at the factory gate — output prices — narrowed last month.

There was a rise of 0.1 per cent in manufacturing industry's output prices, compared with a 0.3 per cent increase in September.

But officials were reluctant to read too much into the slowdown, because monthly movements in output prices have been erratic.

Even so, the 12-month rate of increase for output prices slowed from 4.4 per cent to 4.3 per cent, its lowest since the early 1970s.

LCP profits show sharp climb

By Cliff Feltham

LCP Holdings, the car parts chain and property investment group, yesterday announced a sharp jump in half time earnings as it bolstered its defences against the hostile £148 million takeover bid from Ward White, owners of Halfords and the Payless DIY business.

Mr David Rhead, chairman of LCP, said: "Our defence document which comes out on Wednesday will demolish all the myths put forward by the other side."

LCP reported that profits before tax had risen from £4.3 million to £5.9 million while the dollar earnings of its Whitlock motor accessory chain in the United States — the main attraction for Ward White — had shown a 42 per cent improvement.

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Sir Owen names his successor at BTR

By John Bell, City Editor

Sir Owen Green, the man behind the rise of the BTR group, yesterday named his successor as chief executive. He is Mr John Cahill, who has been running BTR's American operations for a number of years.

Mr Cahill joined BTR as a trainee salesman in 1955, moving to the United States in 1976. He now holds the post of president and chief executive officer of BTR Inc., and will take up his new title on January 1.

The move ends months of speculation over who would take over the reins from Sir Owen, who will remain as group chairman and devote his time to guiding BTR's strategic development.

Hot favourites from within the company were Mr Hugh Laughland and Mr Lionel Stammers, joint chief executives of the European operations. In the past 20 years under Sir Owen, BTR has grown rapidly to become one of Britain's biggest industrial



Mr John Cahill: from salesman to chief executive.

companies with a stock market value that tops £4.8 billion.

Sir Owen has hardly seemed to put a foot wrong and has been increasingly active as a takeover bidder in the past five years, winning control of the conglomerate Thomas Tilling and the troubled Dunlop tyres and sports goods group.

BTR also announced that Mr Cahill's job will be filled by Mr Edgar S. Sharp, who joined BTR in 1976 when the group took over SW Industries.

Spot checks built into SIB plans

By Richard Lander

The Securities and Investments Board (SIB) yesterday unveiled proposals which cover the financial adequacy of investment businesses — including spot checks — under the new regulatory structure that comes into force with the Financial Services Act.

The proposals, which are open for comment until December 2, will dovetail with rules covering the treatment of clients' funds and an overall compensation scheme in providing protection for investors.

Sir Kenneth Berrill, chairman of the SIB, described yesterday's draft as "one of the last major gaps in the rule book."

The proposals would impose differing degrees of capital requirements according to the type of business in which a firm engages.

Firms have been divided into four categories: trustees of regulated unit trusts, investment advisers, intermediaries with a distinction between those who do and do not handle client money, and all other investment businesses — a category which encompasses stockbrokers, capital market players, futures dealers and most investment managers.

If the proposals are adopted,

Pru lifts stake in Beazer

The Prudential Corporation has spent about £17 million on raising substantially its shareholding in C H Beazer, the construction group. Prudential announced yesterday it had increased its holding to 5.75 per cent of Beazer. Sources close to Beazer suggest that, through nominees, the Prudential has acquired an additional 2 per cent.

New stadium

Blue Circle Property Holdings and Brookmount Estates, a subsidiary of Brookmount, have applied for planning permission to create a retail leisure park and international stadium, convention and exhibition centre at Sundon Springs, Bedfordshire.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

Table with 2 columns: Market Index, Value. New York 1882.03 (-4.50), Dow Jones 17053.20 (+79.56), Nikkei Dow 2206.76 (-11.62), Hang Seng 284.8 (+7.5), Amsterdams Gen 1400.7 (-2.5), Sydney AO 2021.7 (+2.6), Frankfurt Commerzbank 2965.42 (+0.28), General 380.6 (+1.5), Paris CAC 545.10 (-3.20), Zurich SKA General London closing prices Page 31

INTEREST RATES

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CURRENCIES

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NORTH SEA OIL

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High-flyers confident that there is life after Sidney

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Industrial leaders were introduced yesterday to Sidney, allegedly a typical British manager — always with his head stuck in the sand.

Sidney, a life-size dummy with a bucket on his head, occupied pride of place on the platform at the annual conference in Bournemouth of the Confederation of British Industry.

The organization's team of under 35-year-old high-flyers told the gathering what to do to make Britain great again. "Sidney works in every organization — he's a manager," said Mr Mark Nicholson, a Barclays Bank manager and chairman of the group.

"He works with us, for us, and we at times have worked for him. Fewer people today think like Sidney is thinking now. He fears change and whenever possible he resists it."

Mr Nicholson was present-

ing an interim report from his group, Vision 2010, listing 42 ways for industry, government and others to provide Britain with go-ahead world-leading companies 25 years from now.

The group, 20 managers and one teacher, foresee a country dominated by thrusting companies where workers are rewarded according to their performance, where trades unions and managements have the same goals and children are taught from an early age the part business plays in society.

And, according to Vision 2010, mass unemployment simply will not exist. Mr Nicholson said the team had spent little time on economic trends in Britain "because they are awful and point

to us having little or no manufacturing industry in the year 2010. "Our group simply does not accept this and believes inherently that there is no industry in which we cannot compete. Furthermore, to have a thriving economy in the year 2010 we must have a profitable manufacturing sector employing a significant percentage of the workforce."

He added that many companies were bogged down in the organization of their workforce so that when change was made it was clumsy and invited the confrontation that it so often caused. "Our company will have a corporate culture with clear objectives which are understood and supported by all employees. The company's performances against these aims will be freely discussed with all employees, and even Sid will be told."

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HORIZONS

A guide to career choice

First impressions that count

A good many years back I recall emerging from a job interview in a state of complete bewilderment...

It is perfectly possible to leave a job interview feeling frustrated and bewildered. Roger Jones examines some of the things that can go right but also very wrong



Members of the Huddersfield job club: A good interviewer starts by putting you at your ease

If you can impress without saying a word, why worry?

Unfortunately, not all interviewers even approach the ideal, and while you can usually count on recruitment consultants and personnel officials having been properly trained in the art of selection...

Some interviewers appear to be completely at sea, and you get the impression that they have been detailed to carry out this vital task much against their better judgment...

"So you're Arnold Cuthbertson." (Yes) "Born in Keswick, were you?" (Yes) "And you're married?" (Yes) "I see your address is in Harrogate..."

"When he actually gets round to an open-ended question (one which cannot be answered with 'yes' or 'no') it may turn out to be one which is quite impossible to answer like 'what are our main problems?'"

boredom. Don't yawn or twiddle your thumbs. Above all, don't interrupt the monologue, for this might be construed as bad manners. Remember that the goal of any job interview is to impress the selector...

People tend to forget that the ability to listen is every bit as useful as the ability to hold forth. In circumstances like these it could prove to be your trump card.

Don't try to keep a sense of proportion. After all, if he's nasty to you, the chances are that he'll be nasty to all the other candidates...

A competent interviewer lets you do most of the talking

you should have identified your weaknesses as well as your strengths. You should also have developed a strategy for steering the selector away from your weak points to your strong points.

Don't go out of your way to pick an argument, but be firm and polite. You may find this apparent edge is quite impressed by a candidate whom he can't reduce to incoherent mumbblings.

Unfortunately there is no knowing in advance what sort of interviewer or interviewers you are likely to encounter. But it won't take you long to assess what sort of interviewer you are in for once you step inside the interview room.

The golden rule is to conceal your

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

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RE-ADVERTISEMENT

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Further particulars may be obtained from Mr A J Small, Staffing Secretary, The University, Highfield, Southampton, SO9 5NH to whom applications (7 copies from applicants in the UK and one from others) should be sent giving a brief curriculum vitae and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three referees should be sent before 15 January 1987. Please quote ref. no. AJS/86/6/T.

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CRICKET

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From a Special Correspondent, Perth

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JUDO

Golden starlet of the studio at Pinewood

Two weeks after Britain's senior women scooped three world titles, the juniors won one gold, two silver and two bronze medals in the first two days of the European junior championships in Leonding, Austria.

Pakistan's collapse bodes ill for series

From Richard Streeten, Lahore

The West Indies completed a crushing victory, with unexpected rapidity and ease, on the third day of the second Test match here on Saturday. For the second time in the match, Pakistan batted with little hope of success.

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RACING

Veteran Smyth to strike again with promising Astral

By Mandarini (Michael Phillips)

As a jockey Roy Smyth rode the winner of the Champion Hurdle three times. Since returning his attention to training in 1947 he has also won the Imperial Cup three times.

From that even milestone summary of achievement gained during a career on the turf which now spans more than 30 years it can be appreciated that there is not much that the ever-colourful veteran Epsom trainer does not know about fast jumpers.

Recently, Smyth has produced two more talented young hurdlers. The first to cut a dash was Problem Child who made an excellent jumping debut at Newbury on October 24 and then returned to the same course on Wednesday to lay bare his own claim to be regarded as the best three-year-old so far this autumn with an even more resounding triumph.

The following day, at Kempton, Smyth revealed the strength of his hand in the particular department when Astral ran away with his first race over the smaller obstacles.

Today, this well-bred colt, who had only modest form on the flat, although he did manage a win, makes a quick return to the fray to contest the Cuckfield Novices' Hurdle at Plumpton and it will be a bold person who opposes him.

At Kempton he easily beat Spring Flight and Adamstown who both boasted useful form. As none of his rivals this afternoon have comparable form, Astral looks a justifiable oap.

Castle Talbot, a winner at Plumpton twice already this season, returns to attempt to record his third strike there in the Simpson Piccadilly Novices' Chase. However, I prefer Midnight Madness who after winning at Newton Abbot surely did so for a relative beginner to beat the more experienced Tudor Road in a handicap at Taunton.

My other principal fancy on the tight Sussex course is Everlack Bey to win the Shirley Sutton Birthday Handicap Chase. In my opinion he excelled to win at the last meeting, at Canislie, at Canislie, all good wishes will be with the brave Jonjo O'Neill when he saddles Crooning Barry, his first runner as a trainer, for the Cockerhorth Amateur Riders' Handicap Hurdle. Well that Crooning Berry was at Newbury in the spring, I feel that the best O'Neill can hope for is a second place behind Fieflom who recently won the Ekbalco Hurdle at Newcastle.

Winning the Lucius Challenge Cup, which is named after his first Grand National winner, will obviously be dear to Gordon Richards' heart on his local track this afternoon. In Easter Brig he seems to have found the right tool.

Earlier, his stable companion Rejuvenator can gain his revenge on the Wicket Problems in the Third Handicap Chase.

Finally, now that Chipped Metal has dropped out, Seagram should win the Penderford Novices' Chase at Wolverhampton.



Half Free breathing down Very Promising's neck at Cheltenham

Nicholson chases more gold

After the sultry heat in California and the disappointing defeat of Dancing Brave in the Breeders' Cup, it was like a breath of fresh air watching Very Promising and Half Free fight out that tremendous duel for the Mackeson Gold Cup on a sharp November afternoon at Cheltenham on Saturday (Michael Seely writes).

Half Free's attempt to win the coveted trophy for the third successive year ended in gallant defeat after the pair had drawn level on the final hill. Making the most of his 5lb concession, Very Promising drew clear again to win by two lengths.

Kathie's Lad finished ten lengths away in third place. Fred Winter was equally thrilled with the performance of the runner-up, "Half Free ran a mighty race, but the 5lb-penalty

for his win at Wincanton just beat him. I'm not going to make any firm plans until I see how he comes out of this race."

The jumping season is now starting to gain momentum and further news concerning Kempton's Boxing Day feature came from Jimmy Fitzgerald about Fergie 'N' Forget, who is favourite at 6-1 to repeat his 1985 win in the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

"Fergie 'N' Forget is in good form after his Werberby win," said the Malton trainer. "He'll meet him in the Edward Haines Memorial Chase at Haydock on Wednesday week and then the Tommy Whittle Chase at the December meeting on the same track on route to the King George."

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Stoute reigns supreme with record earnings in a memorable season

By Michael Seely

The 1986 British Flat racing season ended on its customary traditional note at Doncaster on Saturday when Richard Quinn drove Beijing past Five Farthings and Dual Venture to win the William Hill November Handicap and give the jockey and Paul Cole, the trainer, their 64th and 69th victories of the campaign respectively.

Cole, in his first year at Whatcombe, enjoyed his most successful season, although the trainers' table was dominated by Michael Stoute and Roy Harwood, those old friends and rivals.

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Derby and California, Dancing Brave has still earned the right to be considered the most versatile performer of the decade. Harwood, with 112 winners at home, also finished second in the international table with earnings of £1,866,816.

Although Henry Cecil had a quiet season judged by the standards which have seen him champion six times the master of Warren Place still amassed 116 winners at home, finished third in the list. He has the winter favourite for the Derby in Reference Point, the winner of the William Hill Futurity. John Dunlop also enjoyed a magnificent season, finishing fourth at home and third in the international list.

Luca Cumani, Barry Hills and Mick Hern occupied the next three places in the table, but special mention must be made of Ben Haybary who captured the 1,000 Guineas and Oaks with Midway Lady, Ian Balding and Charlie Nelson for their handling of those exceptionally fast two-year-old fillies, Forest Flower and Minstrelle, and also of Lester Piggott, who had 30 winners in his first season as a trainer.

Non-British tax-payers continue to dominate the owners' table. Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk, due to the exploits of Moon Madness, the St Legar winner, being the only exception to finish in the first ten. The Arabs continue to carry all before them due to their enormous investment in bloodstock. Sheikh Mohammed headed the list for the second successive year, Ajdal and Soiree Lady being among his principal moneymen.

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to the exploits of Dancing Brave, came second. Maktaoum, Al Maktaoum and Hamdan Al Maktaoum and Prince Salman also finished in the first ten. The Aga Khan, Europe's most powerful owner-breeder, came third in the table, but Robert Sangster, who had been leading owner five times in the past ten years, could only finish sixth.

1986 will also be recalled as the year in which Pat Eddery finally emerged from the shadow of Lester Piggott. The 34-year-old Irish-born gem with the golden touch rode 177 winners at home, though this number is likely to be decreased by one as a doge taken on De Ripuair after winning the Ascot in September has proved a positive for the year.

Eddery, of course, has terminated his contract with Vincent O'Brien and is to be first jockey for Mr Abdullah worldwide in 1987.

Steve Caughan, champion in 1984 and 1985, finished second with a healthy 149 winners despite his increasing weight problems.

It has been a year mercifully free from too many cases of controversial riding, the cause celebre in this department occurring when the disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club relegated Forest Flower after she had beaten Lavinia in the Cheveley Park Stakes.

It has been a marvellously exciting season with a plentiful supply of outstanding horses and with the levelling-out process at the top end of the stallion and yearling market continuing, a healthy 1987 seems assured.

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WOLVERHAMPTON

Selections By Mandarini

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Michael Seely's selection: 3.45 Little Soap.

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1.15 OXLEY JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (3-Y-O: 291b: 2m) (17 runners)

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Ferguson stays composed as United's flaws are exposed

By Clive White

Oxford United 2
Manchester United 0

If nerve has anything to do with being successful at Old Trafford then Alex Ferguson cleared his first hurdle on Saturday. For a man who had just been hoodwinked he showed remarkable self-control. He told him when he became manager of Manchester United on Thursday that he had inherited a fortune. But no-one told him about the debt.

Ferguson can be under no illusion about the task confronting him. He will have seen with his own eyes that contrary to popular belief, United are not overlaid with quality. Indeed, they are bereft of it. Even Maurice Evans, the Oxford manager, spoke glibly about the star-studded strengths at United's disposal yet I doubt whether he would swap his XI on Saturday for United's.

Even allowing for the distinguished absentees, Robson, Stychan and Whiteside, Ferguson is faced with a substantial rebuilding programme. Any United supporters staring dreams of sudden League success can forget it.

It was all a bit of an anticlimax for Ferguson, starting with the 13,000 crowd which though one of Cup Final proportions, Evans said, for the Manor Ground, did little to excite a man clearly used to life's bigger stages. If it was a bigger audience Ferguson was looking for he soon found it in the cramped corridors of the Oxford club afterwards as notepads, radio microphones and television cameras were thrust in turn into his face demanding a series of repeat performances. But he remained impressively unruffled by it all, even when one local radio reporter asked him for his views on calls for his resignation from Oxford supporters.

Ferguson had to think hard for some nice things to say about his new charges. The best he could offer was that he thought the two forwards, Stapleton and Davenport, did particularly well, though neither had anything to show for the way of goals or even near misses. Davenport probably deserved better.

Most of the attacks and spills were supplied at the other end of the field by the Oxford attack and United

defence, respectively. Ferguson was given an early insight to United's defensive frailties when, after two minutes, Albiston almost headed the ball into the path of the eager Aldridge, who looked more menacing than the United attack combined. Time and again Ferguson saw United's central pair of Hogg and Moran caught horribly out of position by Oxford's perceptive through balls and defenders playing each other into trouble. In midfield United were embarrassingly outsmarted by Houghton, Phillips, Brock and Trevick. Moses never had a chance.

If United had shown a lot more heart than they had done at Southampton in midweek, as Evans maintained, then one can only assume that some individuals had cheated their departed manager Ron Atkinson. But Evans refuted the idea of Ferguson that United lacked confidence. "You can only lack confidence at home from the pressure of supporters, not away," he said.

Compared to Oxford they certainly lacked any understanding or fluency which takes some doing after all the years many of them have spent together. Naturally, Ferguson concentrated his displeasure on defence. Apparently spinning fire in the dressing room he cooled sufficiently to say afterwards: "I just told them that to win anything you have got to defend well, and we defended badly, particularly with regard to the goals. We only relaxed when we were 2-0 down."

United's first concession was more an accident than a mistake. Moran tripping Aldridge as he ran across him, for which the Oxford forward took his own revenge from the penalty spot with his fourth goal of the season. Despite a brief moment of ascendancy for United, a second Oxford goal, always looked more likely than an equalizer, and sure enough Oxford extended the margin when a cross from Houghton was driven straight back by Brock for Slatter to volley in. It was indicative of Oxford's superior one-touch football throughout.

Hollins can feel a little cooler in his hot seat

By Vince Wright

Everton 2
Chelsea 2

The point gained by Chelsea at Goodison Park on Saturday was probably more than they expected but no less than they deserved. Chelsea, 2-1 behind and reduced to 10 men after Michael Wright was sent off midway through the second half, refused to feel sorry for themselves. Instead it was Everton who had cause for regret as Chelsea's captain, Pates, celebrated his return to the field by heading a late equalizer.

sea out of the bottom three, was a timely boost for their manager, John Hollins, who must be in the unenviable of seats now that Ron Atkinson has been removed from his Manchester United post. Hollins, who slipped from sixth to eighth, continued their run of bad results against London clubs; all four of their League defeats this season have been inflicted by sides from the capital and Chelsea have had a particularly good record against them.

Everton's failure to make their extra player count was typical of their shoddy performance. Although Shoddy and Heath struck the woodwork and Northrup scored brilliantly from Goodison's header, both of



Arms to the man: Walker (left) beats Lawrenson to the ball. (Photograph: Tommy Hindley)

Uncanny resilience pays dividends

By Simon O'Hagan

Coventry City 1
Nottingham Forest 0

Coventry City are like one of those dolls which no matter how hard you try to knock them over, always bounce back up. After another season they appear to be doomed to relegation only to recover in the nick of time.

Saturday's match was the story of their recent past in microcosm. Taking an unexpected lead 10 minutes into the second half, they were then subjected to the full force of the Nottingham Forest attack but held on for the win which put them in sixth place in the first division and knocked Forest off the top.

It would be wrong to suggest that Coventry were lucky, however. They played quick, well-organized football and could have scored one or two more but for the excellent defence of the Forest goal. Segers's only goal number, Ozgrizovic, likewise produced a series of fine saves in a match which started well, then went rather off the boil before building up to a pitch excitement during the closing stages.

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The match began explosively, Pickering sending over a wicked cross in the first minute, only for Segers to make an instinctive block from Bennett's point-blank header. Ozgrizovic produced a similar save from Webb's near-post volley after a quarter of an hour and, five minutes before half-time, his acrobatics kept out Clough's fierce drive.

Coventry, meanwhile, continued to attack with fluency, but were tending to dwell on the ball in the penalty area. Forest seemed to have the measure of them when, after 55 minutes, Pickering suddenly shot through a cluster of defenders and into Segers's bottom left hand corner.

Almost immediately an inspired 50-yard run by Borrows gave Regis the chance to make it 2-0 but he wasted it with a short pass. The rest of the match belonged to Forest as they poured forward in a succession of ripping moves. A goal seemed inevitable but the Coventry defence stood its ground and Ozgrizovic, even when forced to deal with two clearance shots from Birdies in the last minute, was coolness personified. It was the first time since the opening day of the season that he had kept a clean sheet.

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Fusillade fails to hit target

By Nicholas Haring

Wimbledon 0
Luton Town 0

Three things spoiled this match. One was the football itself, which was dreadful; the second was the decision by the Luton goalkeeper, Les Sealey, not to do with the replacement ball which was a masterpiece of the original which was to boot out of the ground and thirdly was the smoke which drifted across the ground towards the end and did not totally obliterate it.

Fresh, if that is the word, on the arrival of White Hart Lane, where at least Wimbledon had played a bit of football in controversially beating Spurs, they went back to basics, their own unmediated basics, in a game which was a masterpiece of a first division fixture.

It was easy, nonetheless, to sympathize with Luton. With Wimbledon piling in on them, elbows swinging, launching their endless hailstorm of high balls, particularly when they are in the sun as was the case during Saturday's first half, the tactics must be enormously difficult to counter.

"You just have to stick with it, to weather the storm because they are very physical," admitted Donaghy, who was not sufficiently distracted by the notoriety of Fashanu to be intimidated. With the assistance of the Irishman, who cleared late efforts from Fairweather and Downes off the line, Luton became the first visiting club to stop Wimbledon scoring at home and played what football they could.

Appropriately it was at the end of a flowing move, ending with Breacker's cross to the far post that Newell headed the ball down for Mark, the younger of the Irishman, who cleared late efforts from Fairweather and Downes off the line, Luton became the first visiting club to stop Wimbledon scoring at home and played what football they could.

Liverpool put up a sound case for their title defence

By Stuart James, Football Correspondent

West Ham United will again lead London's challenge in a championship that is destined once more to be claimed by Liverpool. The verdict was reached by two men who were the closest of more than 60,000 witnesses to see the irrefutable evidence presented in two courtrooms on Saturday.

George Graham was the first to be called to the stand, at Highbury in the morning. After watching the goalless draw between the only representatives from the capital to lie in the top half of the table, the manager of Arsenal admitted that West Ham are "much better than us."

Jim Smith followed him, at Loftus Road in the afternoon. After his Queen's Park Rangers side had been beaten 3-1 and suffered their sixth defeat in nine games, he said that "if you allow Liverpool to play, they are the best in the country. Everybody will tell you that."

Take their words for it. Their views, offered on either side of the adjournment for lunch, were stated several times and several hours apart but so common was the theme that ran between them, they might as well have been speaking in the same place, at the same time and with the same words.

In recognizing similar striking differences in the respective matches, Graham and Smith touched on the reason that clouds the football above their London contemporaries, and Liverpool above every club in the land. They are ahead in the arms race. They fire bullets. The rest shoot arrows.

The combination of Cottee and McAvennie, renewed after a gap of four games and after the sale of Goddard, threatened to blast an uncomfortably large hole in Luton's record. Arsenal's goalkeeper had previously been seen only twice in seven home appearances in the League.

Their front two taught mine a lesson today," Graham said. "They make such good runs and have such great touch that their performance should serve as a great education for us. Combine that with quality service and you have a team that will be there or thereabouts, as they were last season."

West Ham's front could be better than last season's. Two of their efforts were disallowed, four of their attempts were blocked by Lukic, and McAvennie, yet to regain peak form, was even more threatening from close range. No wonder Graham was "pleased to keep our run going."

Bad apples nipped in the bud by police

By David Powell

Police determination to stamp out violence at football grounds came strongly into focus on Saturday when special operations mounted at Darlington and Millwall. Although 88 arrests were made at Darlington, only eight of those were inside the ground, while an intimidating constabulary presence for the first time in years was sent to the New Cross area of South-East London prevented a repeat of the ugly scenes witnessed there last season.

At Darlington, police were taken to Darlington hospital, including one policeman, after rival supporters clashed on the pitch and delayed for 12 minutes the start of the derby match against Middlesbrough. But a police spokesman said yesterday: "We expected trouble by rival warring factions and were geared up to deal with it. Before the match we arrested 64, which is an indication of our resolve to stamp out the violence. Sixteen arrests were made after the match but the whole operation went very well."

The intimidating atmosphere had no adverse effect on the Middlesbrough team, who retained the leadership of the first division with a 1-0 win. Stephens scoring his 12th goal of the season in become joint top marksman in the division.

Leeds, on the other hand, beaten 1-0, appeared to suffer an adverse reaction from a morning kick-off designed to limit the number of visitors from Yorkshire and reduce pre-match alcohol consumption. You have to be a dedicated hero to get up at 5am and remember your party pack.

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It is a pity that Billy Bremner, the Leeds United manager, refuses to attend post-match press conferences. Why, one wondered, does he refuse to play a winning when he played one? Buckley from Doncaster Rovers, in the close season? Such an omission probably cost Leeds their unbeaten six-match League run as their £200,000 summer acquisition from Sheffield United, Edwards, a proven marksman, again failed to score, having done so only twice in 17 games since moving clubs.

Threats halt Dutch match

By Simon Jones

Norwich City 2
Tottenham Hotspur 1

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Tear-gas fans

By Simon Jones

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Tottenham Hotspur 1

Munich (AP) - About 250 fans invaded the pitch during a match here between Munich 1860 and Bayern. Twenty policemen were injured in a clash in which both sides used tear gas.

Pie, pints and a point

By Simon Jones

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The new face in the nursing mirror

For reasons that have less to do with their star status than with the awe-inspiring decisions they have to make about the preservation of life, doctors and surgeons have tended to take up centre-stage positions in TV documentaries about hospital life. Nursing staff were among the supporting cast, busily at work in the background, taking temperatures, easing heads on pillows, dishing out pills and a comforting word. The six-part series Nurses (BBC2, 10.05pm) is the first serious attempt to restore the balance in defining hospital ward responsibility. Not only that, if tonight's opening film is any guide, we are to be admitted for the first time into an area of the nurse's life that has so far been kept shut - the emotional battlefield. I have never before seen nurses, in the privacy of their linen cupboard (or anywhere else for that matter), weeping over the

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death of a patient who has become dear to them. Nor have I ever seen a nurse, without restriction, deploring certain medical practices - specifically the humiliation caused to a 90-year-old cancer patient by the administration of chemotherapy. By the time this first episode of Nurses ends tonight, you will be in no doubt as to what these nurses mean when they say that when you go on duty in hospital ward, you grow up very quickly.

I must be brutally frank about Victoria Wood - As Seen on TV (BBC2, 9.35pm) and tell you that her appearance on the front cover of this week's Radio Times must be an acknowledgement of her past service in the cause of

comedy. The honour is certainly not a barometer of her success tonight in the first programme of her new series which leans too heavily - and, in the case of the closing ditty, too desperately - on the sex-orientated joke and song. Miss Wood is, in any case, so popularly surrounded by talented fellow-entertainers (including the exceptionally Julie Walters) that I occasionally found myself forgetting that she was supposed to be the main attraction.

The Maverick Tongue (BBC2, 8.05pm), this week's film in The Story of English series, is uncharacteristically light-hearted, and none the worse for that. I found it most instructive to be reminded of the process by which the cockney slang that went to the Antipodes with the convicts has been transmuted into the egalitarian toughness of Australian English.

Best on radio: the renowned Soviet pianist Tatiana Nikolova gives the first of her Radio 3 recitals (1.05), playing Bach's Goldberg Variations. Don't despair if you can't hear it today. The whole recital will be re-broadcast next Sunday. And there will be broadcasts of further concerts featuring this eminent visitor on Radio 3 on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Radio 3's current Russian season also includes the 1965 production of Chekhov's Swan Song (9.35pm) starring Wilfrid Lawson whose own swan song it almost was because this fine actor, possessor of the most distinctive voice on radio, died the year after the play was recorded.

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The cap that cheers: Ward sister Vivien Hancock in Nurses (BBC2, 10.05pm)

- BBC1
6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.
6.30 The Flintstones. Cartoon series 6.55 Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. regional news at 7.15, 7.45, 8.15 and 8.45 and weather at 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55.
9.05 Neighbours. A repeat of last Friday's episode.
9.25 CBI Conference. The opening address by the president, David Nicholson.
10.30 Play School, with Chloe Ashcroft and Robin Kingsland. (10.50 Henry's Cat. (1) 10.55 Five to Eleven. Alan Bennett with a thought for the day.
11.00 CBI Conference from Bournemouth. Jacques Delors, president of the Commission of the European Communities, and Aldo Moro, chairman of Sony, answer questions put by the delegates.
12.30 Birdwatch Live from the Wildfowl Trust, Slimbridge. As the beak experts fly in from the north, Sir Peter Scott and Sir David Attenborough reflect on the achievements of the 40-year-old refuge. 12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 News with Martin Lewis. Weather 1.25 Neighbours. Weekday soap set in a Melbourne suburb 1.50 Eric-a-Bra. (1)
2.00 The Clothes Show. Solina Scott has her face made-up by Stephen Glass; Jeff Banks dresses the Poly Poles; Jane Lomas examines skin care for men; and Patrice Lodge displays her wardrobe. 2.30 The Onedin Line. In this week's episode James Onedin experiences a cash-flow problem. (1) 3.20 Victoria. Domestic comedy series from the United States starring Valerie Harper.

- BBC2
6.00 Pie in the Sky 4.05 Whizz 4.15 The Mysterious Cities of Gold. Animated adventure series 4.40 Jersey Bridge. Episode one of a new series about a young boy who lives with his parents in the north of England.
5.00 John Craven's Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter includes details of the 1986 Appeal. (Ceefax)
5.25 Measles. Knock-out quiz game for teams, presented by Angela Ripston.
6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
6.35 London Place presented by John Sheehan, Linda Mitchell, and Caroline Ripston.
7.00 Wogan. Tonight's guests include Diana Figg, Jonathan King, and Janette Cook, the first female thespianic victim to give birth. Plus music from Nick Kamen.
7.35 Life on Earth. Part one of David Attenborough's 13-programme natural history series. (1) Ceefax)
8.00 News with John Humphrys and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Panorama What's Your House Worth? John Penrylle talks to people involved at every stage of buying and selling homes - (1) Ceefax)
10.10 Film: Breathless (1962) starring Jean-Paul Belmondo and Jean Seberg. A neuro-scientist who treats a woman in a coma by a revolutionary process. Directed Lili Lotze.
11.25 Showtime 96. Part two of the series featuring film and video made for the Radio Times Film and Video Awards. for under-25s.
12.05 Weather.

- BBC 2
9.00 Ceefax.
9.30 Daytime on Two: a sitcom. Designed to help young people relate the part authority plays in their lives 10.00 For four- and five-year olds 10.15 Music: keeping time together. The Scottish River Finghorn from source to mouth 11.00 How the film of Mordicus the buzzard was made.
11.22 Do girls have the same curriculum choices as boys? 11.45 Religious studies 12.00 The second of five films on women in society. 12.45 Electromancy 1.05 Micro Live 1.38 Working as a technical photographer 2.00 Words and pictures 2.15 Living and working on moorland.
2.35 See Hear! A repeat of yesterday's magazine programme for the hearing impaired.
3.00 CBI Conference. Further coverage from Bournemouth 3.55 Regional news and weather.
4.00 Pamela Armstrong. The first of a new weekly series. Begins for sale in today's supplement. The first of the people contributing is Tony Hall of the British Association for Adoption and Fostering. Music is provided by Eddie Brooks.
4.30 Birdwatch. Tony Scoper and Nick Davies report live from the Wildfowl Trust, Slimbridge.
5.15 Did You See...? An edited version of yesterday's programme.
6.00 Film: Casablanca in Reno* (1939) starring Sidney Toler. The Oriental sleuth investigates murder among the divorcees of Nevada's notorious city. Directed by Norman Foster.
7.10 Carben Town. How Death Came to Earth.
7.25 Food and Drink Special. John Wilcock, a Sheffield chef driver, becomes a sous chef for a day under Anthony Nicholson at The Dorchester in London. (1)
8.05 The Story of English. In this programme Robert MacNeil explores the spread of English throughout the Empire during the 19th century. (Ceefax)
9.00 Fawcett Towers. An American tourist and his wife arrive late at the hotel and demand an evening meal. With the chef already gone, Basil reluctantly steps into his shoes.
9.35 Victoria Wood - As Seen on TV. The first of a new six-part series featuring the talented comedienne, with Julie Walters and Susie Silas. (see Choice)
10.05 News. A new series of the documentary begins with the story of life in a busy general ward at Whipps Cross Hospital in Walthamstow. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.50 Newswatch 11.35 Weather.
11.40 Teleshop. The news as seen tonight by viewers of the French station Antenne Deux. Ends at 12.10.

- ITV LONDON
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Schools: excerpts from the film, It Shouldn't Happen to a Vet 9.47 Behind the scenes at a puppet show. The Wizard of Everything, a story by Hlewyn Oran 10.11 How houses or bodies are kept warm or cool 10.22 Using computers 10.45 Employers' expectations of their young workers 11.07 Maths - the number eight 11.18 Maths - the number ten 11.41 Science - noise.
12.00 Ateneu's Music. The electric guitar. (1) 12.10 Let's Pretend. The tale of the Lufting Puffing Wind.
12.30 The Medicine Men. The practitioners of the ancient Chinese art of acupuncture.
1.00 News at Ten with Leonard Parlin 1.20 Thames news.
1.30 Film: Last Moments (1974) starring James Whitmore and Renato Cestini. Sentimental drama about a young man who despises himself when caring for his father after his mother dies. Directed by Mario Giariuzzo. 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 The Young Doctors.
4.00 Tickle on the Tum. Village tales for the young 4.10 The Tale. The first of a new cartoon series 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe 4.45 From the Top. A new series of the comedy starring Bobbie as a stage-struck ex-bank manager.
5.15 Blockbusters.
5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.
6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Goe with news of the National Institute of Social Work's appeal for donations concerning the running of residential homes for the elderly.
6.35 Crossroads. The missing ring turns up, but Benny says nowt.

- CHANNEL 4
2.30 The Late Late Show. RTE's long-running music and chat show hosted by Gay Byrne. Irish Angle. An investigation into the vexed question of food additives; and Gordon Burns talks to Ed McConey, co-author of a new biography of Ian Paisley.
4.00 Marva on 4. Marva Nicholson interviews cartoonist, Gerald Scarfe.
4.30 Countdown. Friday's winner of the anagrams and mental arithmetic competition is challenged by Martin Posters and from Hounslow. Richard Whitley is the questionmaster.
5.00 Gramplan Sheepdog Trials. The novice section of the Gramplan Television Trophy trials, for colts under two years of age. Presented by Hobbie Shepherd and Bill Merchant.
5.30 Prick It Yourself. The third programme of the four-part series exploring technical processes involved in printing newspapers, magazines and books. With subtitles. (1)
6.00 Write On. Part five of Ruth Pitt's series designed to stimulate interest in the lost art of letter writing.
6.30 Conference Report. Susannah Simons presents highlights from the day's proceedings at the CBI Conference in Bournemouth.
7.00 Comment 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen.
7.50 Comment. With her views on a topical matter is Arabella Mielville, a health writer.
8.00 Brookside. Pat and Terry fly out to Barbados with Mrs McArdle who manages to give them the slip as soon as they arrive. Back home, Terry McArdle is introduced to Gail; and Vicki gives Terry a hard time.
8.30 Chance in a Million. Comedy series starring Simon Callow as Tom Chance, a man dogged by cruel fate, and Brenda Blethyn as Alison, his long-suffering fiancée. Tonight, with Tom on a cricketing tour of Norway, Alison's parents try to persuade their daughter to break off the engagement.
9.00 St Elsewhere. Dr Erlich tries to entertain a party of Chinese doctors; and Dr Craig receives a roasting from his newly-domesticated son.
9.55 A Nightingale. Skydiver, presented by Roger Nichols. An office cleaner witnesses a miracle on the 56th floor of a skyscraper.
10.00 A People's War. The first of a seven-part series examining the impact of World War II on the Home Front. (Oracle)
11.00 The Eleventh Hour: Northern Front. A documentary examining Scotland's crucial role in the United Kingdom, Nato and United States defence strategy. Ends at 12.05.

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7.00 Krypton Factor. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. Set is berated by the brewery. (Oracle)
8.00 Executive Stress. Comedy series starring Penelope Keith and Geoffrey Palmer.
8.30 World in Action: Dead End. An investigation into the plight of Iranian refugees in Britain who are being deported by the Home Office back to their homeland and, for some, certain death. Home Office minister, David Waddington, parades the Government's case.
9.00 Paradise Postponed. Simon's widow is happy to talk about her late husband, but not prepared to explain why he left all his money to Leslie Timmess. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten.
10.30 Cockney Darts Classic. The finale of the men's and women's competitions.
11.15 Airport. Chris Kelly with a behind-the-scenes look at the running of Gatwick Airport.
11.55 Tucker's Witch. The Tuckers are on the trail of an international assassin.
12.50 Night Thoughts.
0.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Geoff Meade. News and Chat. Heavyweight at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; extras at 6.55 and 9.17; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.35; and Simon Green's television highlights at 8.35. The After Nine guests include actor Neil Dickson, and childcare expert Penelope Laach.

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BBC1 WALES 5.55pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Home Brew 12.05pm-12.45 Rugby Special. Football 12.45-1.20 News and weather SCOTLAND 10.55am-10.58am Sport 10.58am-11.00am Today's Sport 1.00-1.05pm Today's Sport 1.05-1.10pm Today's Sport 1.10-1.15pm Today's Sport 1.15-1.20pm Today's Sport 1.20-1.25pm Regional news magazines.
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Campaign of fear by solicitor in police hunt

By Michael McCarthy and Howard Foster

Mr Jonathan Denby, the London solicitor and former private secretary to Mr Enoch Powell, who disappeared in June after an alleged gun incident, had been waging a three-month campaign to frighten a former friend and business associate while desperate for money.

Mr Denby, the nephew of Sir Richard Denby, a former president of The Law Society, vanished after a late-night incident in Mayfair in which two policemen were allegedly held at gunpoint. He was described by Scotland Yard as armed and dangerous and there were fears that he had become involved in political terrorism.

Detectives allege block on inquiry

By Stewart Tessler, Crime Reporter

Two former senior Scotland Yard detectives yesterday described to a provincial chief constable how they believe investigations into a leading London criminal were blocked.

Mr Peter Wright, Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, yesterday travelled to the West Country and Wales to see former Det Chief Supt Harry Clement and his former colleague, ex-Det Supt Gerald Whitshire. The chief constable is in charge of a provincial police team called in by the Yard last week after allegations on the television programme, *World in Action*, about the relationship between London police and Roy Garner, a London criminal and top police informant.

Mr Whitshire has the names of a serving detective chief inspector and a serving detective superintendent who he claims were involved in attempts to halt his work by threat, intimidation or bribery. One of the officers allegedly told Mr Whitshire's juniors there was a plan to kill him to stop the Garner inquiry.

Mr Whitshire has refused to name either officer and neither was previously linked with Garner, who is now serving a prison sentence for VAT gold fraud.

Raid on US reverses brain drain

By Tim Jones

British companies have begun reversing the brain drain by raiding the United States to counter a severe shortage of trained computer staff.

Roman defence mound up for auction

By a Staff Reporter

A huge mound of earth, the largest surviving relic of Winchester's Roman and medieval defences, is to be auctioned today.



The imagination of a poet, an ancient legend and a magic line are conspiring to spirit 600 children away from London to 'The Magic Mountains' - via the National Theatre (Our Arts Correspondent writes). The man with the enviable power to make children disappear is the actor, Sylvester McCoy, who plays the Pied Piper in a dramatic adaptation of the poem by Robert Browning, which opens at the South Bank next week. Photographed above is his latest batch of bewitched followers, from Christ Church Primary School, shortly before a preview of their magical mystery tour at the weekend. Children from a dozen other London schools have been rehearsing for the show, with each school scheduled to give five performances on a rota basis. Mr Alan Cohen, the director, says the budding actors have shown remarkable talent, but the logistics of production have been "quite horrendous". A familiar refrain in rehearsals has been: "Please sir, where is stage left?" (Photograph: John Rogers).

Test case on soccer disaster

By Ian Smith

A housewife whose son and husband all died in the fire at Bradford City Football Club, begins a High Court action tomorrow which may establish a precedent for negligence claims by other disaster victims totalling millions of pounds.

Solicitors acting for 110 claimants have agreed to use the loss of Mrs Susan Fletcher's family as a test case to prove liability against Bradford City FC, the Health and Safety Executive and the former West Yorkshire County Council.

During the hearing at the High Court sitting in Leeds before Mr Justice Joseph Cantley, barristers will argue over the blame for the disaster, which claimed 56 lives and left more than 200 spectators injured in May 1985. The plaintiffs' case is that the blame should be shared by the club and the two authorities which held responsible for ensuring safety regulations at the Valley Parade ground.

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Motorists fall foul of revolution

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

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Hidden drinking epidemic at work

Many managers ignore the drink problems of their employees because they themselves may be reliant on alcohol, according to a new report in the magazine, *Chief Executive*.

It says there is a "conspiracy of silence" between the boardroom and the shopfloor over alcohol and drug addiction.

The article cites an anonymous publicly-quoted company, where at least a third of junior and middle management were either alcohol abusers or alcoholics.

The company chairman, marketing director and personnel director were also found to have serious drink problems, it says. "Eventually the chairman was pensioned off, the personnel director committed suicide and the marketing director got a golden handshake. That same company denied it ever had an alcohol problem."

The main difficulty, the article says, is persuading managers to take the alcohol problem seriously, since they are unwilling to admit their own drinking levels might be "close to the precipice of problem drinking".

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New type of Aids spreads to Europe

New mutations of the Aids virus are already spreading to Europe, causing increasing concern among international researchers, and may give added urgency to the development of improved screening methods.

Some scientists believe the related viruses could provide important clues in the quest for an Aids vaccine. They may also confirm that the disease originated in monkeys in Central Africa.

There is no evidence that anyone who has developed Aids in Britain is infected with any of the new strains. The existing blood tests are considered by experts to be adequate, and measures to screen blood donor products have been successful.

But the leading French researcher, Dr Luc Montagnier, who first described the Aids virus HIV in May 1983, said in San Francisco at the weekend that a new virus discovered in West Africa last year may be as deadly as the original strain.

He told the American Association of Blood Banks that the virus, LAV-II, may be a big cause of Aids in West Africa and has already spread to several Western European countries. Dr Montagnier said: "We are just at the beginning of the spread of a new virus." Other researchers working for the Porton International biomedical group believe they have found another new strain. Tests on patients with fully-developed disease revealed no trace of HIV infection.

The discovery was made recently in an African country which the researchers are reluctant to identify.

Separate investigations have indicated that there is in Africa a human virus, more closely related to a strain found in green monkeys. This does not appear to cause illness but it could possibly mean infected individuals will develop disease later in life.

Scientists are divided about the significance of the new strains. Some believe they are of little importance and are anxious to avoid causing more public alarm.

Two opinion polls published yesterday showed substantial majorities in favour of the entire British population being tested for Aids.

More than 60 per cent of those who took part in a Harris poll for *The Observer* said there should be compulsory testing. Two-thirds thought the Government was not doing enough to warn people about the dangers of Aids.

A Marplan survey in the *Sunday People* showed 80 per cent of men and women aged between 16 and 35 in favour of the whole population being tested. Among women, the figure was 90 per cent.

Portfolio Gold - £16,000 to perfect a holiday

Mr Alfred McNamee, a computer programmer from Glasgow, who has played Portfolio Gold since it started, said he was "speechless, just speechless" when he heard yesterday of his £16,000 win.

Mr McNamee, aged 35, who lives with his mother in Baillestone, said: "I'm going to Lanzarote soon on holiday - this means I will have a very nice trip indeed." He plans to use the rest of the money for a home extension.

The £4,000 prize on Saturday was shared by four readers.

Mr Robert Choje, aged 73, a retired circuit judge from Truro in Cornwall was delighted with his win and joked: "People will wonder what is going on - my predecessor as circuit judge down here, Mr Thomas Dewar, won Portfolio in September!"

Mr Peter Assinder, aged 64, a retired publisher from Putney, south west London, said he plans to spend his £1,000 on a new washing machine and stair carpet.



Mr Alfred McNamee: win made him speechless

Mr Joseph Rozewicz, aged 56, an Oxford University research scientist, from Stanmore, Middlesex, said he was very surprised to win. "It was very pleasant because statistically I thought the chances were very small indeed."

The fourth Portfolio Gold winner was Mr Michael Archer, aged 36, from Worthing in Sussex, an information officer for Beechams, who said: "I'm going to spend the money on a new central heating boiler - how exciting."

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THE LOST TALE OF CUTTY SARK

Actually, the tale isn't so much lost as misplaced. Because everyone thinks Cutty Sark is the ship moored on the Thames at Greenwich.

But before that, it was the name of the rather wooden-faced young lady shown here.

Her career as a witch was described by Robert Burns in his epic poem Tam o' Shanter.

Destroying crops, slaughtering livestock and luring boats onto the rocks were Cutty Sark's usual pastimes. But on one particular night, she was dancing for the delectation of Old Nick himself, in Alloway Church.

When Tam saw the lights blazing within the hallowed walls, he came forward, he saw, and he was conquered by love. (Or was it lust? Clue: he dubbed her Cutty Sark, the old Scots phrase for the short shirt she was almost wearing.)

Cutty Sark discovered Tam o' Shanter spying on her. And she pursued him and his grey mare with such spirit that they came within a hair of death.

Their one salvation lay in crossing a running stream - something no witch can do. Yet Cutty Sark still managed to pull off the horse's tail at the last instant. The famous tea-clipper launched on the Clyde in 1869 was named after the witch, in hopes of emulating her awesome speed.

And also from the legend came the ritual of placing a mare's tail of rope in the figurehead's outstretched hand, following an especially fast passage.

You may wonder why we chose to illustrate the ship on our label, rather than the scantily-clad young witch.

But that way we can be sure our customers want us for one thing only.

Brinks-Mat bullion raid £26m robbery leads Yard to uncover US crime link

By Stewart Teasdale, Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard's Tintagel House is an undistinguished office block overlooking the Thames. But for the past 18 months it has been home to a special unit of detectives set up to unravel the financial ledger of a man used to launder the proceeds of the £26 million Brinks-Mat robbery.

Almost three years after Britain's record robbery, carried out by an armed gang on a high security warehouse near Heathrow Airport, the police hunt for the raiders and their proceeds continues unabated. It has cost the life of one detective and sent others to the banking centres of Europe.

In the process the Yard has uncovered a massive international network of shell companies and accounts moving millions of pounds of American and British criminal money. The result is what American drug investigators think is an important breakthrough leading them from Florida in Boston, Chicago, New York and a chain of crooked lawyers at the service of the Mafia.

Two men are serving sentences of 25 years after the evidence of a Brinks-Mat guard who helped them to plan the robbery and then became a police witness. Detectives believe they have identified another three or four men who took part in the raid. Pulling apart the network which changed the bullion into cash and then into investments is well under way.

Four men have been convicted on charges arising from the robbery. Another nine men and women face charges involving the movement of money generated from the robbery. Fresh arrests are expected.

The highest robbery investigation the Yard has ever undertaken began on a Saturday morning in November 1983 when robbers swarmed into the security warehouse supplied by Anthony Black, a guard, with photographs of the interior and a key. Black provided a signal for the robbers to attack.

The gang expected to find £2 or £3 million but neither he nor they knew a huge consignment of gold had arrived hours earlier from another warehouse. The robbers took nearly three tons of bullion.

The police investigation has led to:
● Three men convicted for the robbery and one acquitted.
● Four men convicted of handling the gold and four acquitted.
● Six men and three women facing charges for handling proceeds of the robbery.
● One man under threat of deportation from the United States to face questioning.

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1,000 carats of diamonds, platinum and travellers' cheques. The police quickly realized that the robbers had good intelligence. They screened the staff and discovered that Black's sister was living with a man called Brian Robinson, a south Londoner whose name figured heavily in Flying Squad files.

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thought they were on its track. They had been monitoring sales of furnaces, the appearance of smelted gold. A central figure in their investigations was a Kent businessman called Kenneth Noye. In January last year officers from the Yard's undercover surveillance department C11 were watching his home.

Two officers climbed into the grounds round the Noye home at night as a police raid was being launched. They were seen by Noye's guard on the run from the United States where he was wanted for murder and drug trafficking.

Another concentrated on Brinks-Mat. It discovered gold had been turned into cash, funnelled into Swiss bank accounts and then used for investments in property in Britain and the US.

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Richard Short, aged 10, of Westminster Under School, London, spelling out his victory over 83 young finalists in a sponsored Scrabble competition which is expected to raise £15,000 for Save the Children. The finals of the contest were held yesterday at Baden Powell House in Queensgate, London (Photograph: Peter Trievner)

Charity's plea for mental patients

The mental health charity, Mind, today launches a big campaign to draw attention to what it called the poverty of conditions in psychiatric hospitals and the lack of a properly funded network of local care for patients.

As part of the campaign, Mr Chris Heginbotham, national director of Mind, called for the closure of all large psychiatric hospitals by the year 2000, with re-training and re-employment of staff to ensure no compulsory redundancies.

Mr Heginbotham said: "This is a realistic target given the political and the managerial will. The record of recent governments is appalling: no cash and little action."

Miss Chris Shaw, the charity's assistant director, said those suffering mental illness such as schizophrenia should be given the opportunity to work or, if that was not possible, to have some sort of valuable occupation. Forms of sheltered housing should be available so that help was on hand when needed, to care for the mentally ill in the community rather than in hospital.

The charity has produced a 10-point charter to support its campaign. Demands include a call for another £500 million a year government spending on mental health services; a bridging fund to smooth the transition from hospital care to community based care; new benefits for the disabled and those looking after them at home; and a public education programme to combat what Mind calls the "stigma and prejudice against mental illness".

Introducing the campaign, called "A Better Life", Mr Heginbotham said: "The next year will be crucial for mental health services. Plans to close the huge crumbling hospitals are coming to fruition, but the alternative of community services is either non-existent or, at the best, is a patchy scattering of unco-ordinated projects."

He added: "Replacing an under-funded institutional service with an under-funded community service is a recipe for disaster."

Mind says that people in hospital may often live in 30-bed wards with peeling walls, and that some have to use lavatories with no doors and benches no taps. Life outside hospital may be just as bleak, with former patients sleeping on park benches.

The charity plans a nationwide survey of mental health patients to back up its charter, which will be handed to Mrs Thatcher today.

It will also publish a number of policy papers.

Four new public members of the Press Council were announced today - a farm secretary, a community relations officer, a school head, and a judge's wife.

They are: Mrs Sylvia Brenda Weston, aged 41, of Higher Came, Dorchester, Dorset, a farm secretary and vice-president of a Women's Institute. Mr Muhammad Ashraf Bismil, aged 47, of Wheatley, Halifax, community relations officer at Calderdale, West Yorkshire.

Transport developments

Britain's longest motorway tunnel opens ahead of time

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

The longest tunnel in the British motorway network will be opened to traffic next month, about three months ahead of schedule. It is the tunnel of 0.75 miles which will carry traffic on the Great North Road, the A1(M), under Hatfield, and will be formally opened by the Duke of Kent on December 10.

The specifically constructed tunnel is three-lane dual carriageway and follows roughly the line of the existing A1 surface road, which will be redesignated the A1001. Major roadworks for the UK - November 10 to 17

London and South-east
M1 Hertfordshire: Major roadworks at Junction 8 (Hemel Hempstead). Northbound entry and southbound exit slips at Junction 8 closed.

M1 Backinghamshire: Contrail between Junction 15 and Newport Pagnell service area.

M11 London: Major roadworks at Redbridge roundabout.

M2 Kent: Lane restrictions between Junctions 5 and 7 (Stratford and Faversham).

M20 Kent: Contrail between Junctions 7 and 8 (Midstone).

M27 Hampshire: Contrail between Junctions 2 and 3 (A31 and M27). Nn westbound exit at Junction 2 and no westbound entry at Junction 3 from M27.

M48 Oxfordshire: Only one lane in each direction between Junction 6 (Princes Risborough) and Junction 7 (Thame). Eastbound entry slip at Junction 7

M66 Greater Manchester: Bridge painting at Simister Bridges. Traffic confined to hard shoulder near Junction 4 (M62).

M63 Greater Manchester: Link road from A34 Junction 10 to M63 northbound carriageway reduced to single lane only.

M53 Lancashire: Motorway closed between Junctions 1 and 2, Merseyside. Alternative route signed.

Midlands
M1 Nottinghamshire: Contrail between Junctions 27 and 28 (A608 and A38).

M5 Hereford and Worcester: Between Junctions 4 and 5 (Bromsgrove and Droitwich).

M54 West Midlands: Various lane closures between Junctions 2 and 6 near Telford.

A1 Nottinghamshire: Contrail north of Newark at Conwell. Also contrail at Carlton-on-Trent.

M1 South Yorkshire: Repairs between Junctions 31 and 33. Slip roads at Junction 31 and M1/M18 link will be closed at various times.

M6 Cheshire: Roadworks between Junctions 16 and 17 (Kidsgrove/Sandbach).

M6 Lancashire: Roadworks at Junction 23 (Merseyside). Some lane closures.

M18 South Yorkshire: Major roadworks between Junctions 6 and 7 (Thorne and M62). Southbound exit and northbound entry slip roads closed at Junction 6.

M62 Greater Manchester: Contrail between Junctions 19 and 21 near Middleton.

M63 Greater Manchester: Major widening at Barton Bridge.

Wales and the West
M4 Wiltshire: Contrail between Junctions 16 and 17 (Swindon and Cirencester).

M4 West Glamorgan: Restrictions between Junctions 34 and 35 (A4119 and A473).

M5 Gloucestershire: Contrail at Junction 14 (Thornbury). Northbound slip road at Junction 14 closed.

M5 Avon and Somerset: Lane closures both ways between Junctions 18 and 19 near Bristol.

M62 Greater Manchester: Contrail between Junctions 4 and 6 (Kely and Kinross).

Scotland
M8 Glasgow: Construction work between Junctions 15 and 17 (city centre and Dumbarton).

M7 Glasgow: Bridge repairs near Junction 1 (M74).

M74 Hamilton: Contrail between Junction 4 (A723) and Bothwell service station.

M90 Fife: Contrail between Junctions 3 and 4 (Dunfermline and Kely) and carriageway repairs between Junctions 4 and 6 (Kely and Kinross).

The House of Lords:1

Rebellious peers may bring about their own downfall

The word went out from Westminster last week that the House of Lords had overstepped the mark.

For the first time in nearly a decade, abolition was mentioned, reform discussed and plans put forward for firmer control of its procedures.

What had the Upper House done to deserve such retribution? In the eyes of their lordships, their sin has been to do their job as a revising chamber properly.

They have no doubt that the attack against them is being led from the top, by Mrs Thatcher herself.

The defeats inflicted by the Lords on government Bills since the Prime Minister took office now total 104. Behind these lie scores of deals and compromises negotiated between the Conservative Party's business managers and rebellious peers to prevent further revolts.

This has forced ministers to sit up and take notice, however unwillingly. Some take the relaxed view that maybe a change to a Bill makes sense if it is backed by Labour, Alliance, Independent and some Conservative peers. But others mutter darkly about democracy and unelected bodies, with unflattering references to the peers' age and contact with the real world.

The House of Lords has become a thorn in the side of Mrs Thatcher's government. In the first of three articles on the power and influence of the upper House, Sheila Gunn, of our Political Staff, examines what they have been doing—and why.

when they have been at their most vigorous. The Government has made several mistakes. It took the natural good humour of the peers for granted, relying on a seemingly endless stream of hereditary lords to back them.

It also mismanaged the timetable for an unusually heavy batch of Bills. It handed the Lords an unexpected weapon by demanding that they deal with five main Bills in the five week autumn spill-over period.

The Government antagonized the upper House by lopping three weeks off its summer holidays to finish the work. To add insult to injury, it added another 700 amendments to the Bills which had had little debate in the Commons because of a strict time limit imposed by a guillotine.

Their lordships found badly drafted clauses and accused the Government of legislating "on the hoof" in response to particular problems, such as the hippy peace convoy and the disruption of speakers on university campuses.

The form of their "rebellion" was to question the effect of such hastily drafted powers and insist on certain changes.

Convoys continue despite ambush

Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent

Cruise missile training convoys will continue from Greenham Common, in spite of last week's ambush by protesters, the Ministry of Defence said yesterday.

The ministry said that the deployments would continue as "often as necessary" to meet required training standards.

A spokesman denied a report that the exercises had been suspended for a high-level security inquiry after last week's incident.

A group of 100 anti-cruise campaigners ambushed a training convoy as it retraced from exercise to its base at Greenham Common.

In a carefully co-ordinated operation they cut the brake hoses on two vehicles, drenched paint on others and generally held up the convoy for more than an hour.

US joins farm crisis meetings

Farmers' leaders from EEC countries will meet agricultural representatives from the United States Chamber of Commerce at a conference which begins in London on Wednesday.

Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, and Mr Frans Andriessen, the EEC agriculture commissioner, will speak at the conference which will discuss EEC and United States agricultural and trade policies and problems caused by oversupply.

The meeting has added importance because of the crisis in American farming, which has brought many bankruptcies and forced some small banks out of business. There are fears that European agriculture faces similarly difficult times.

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EEC dairy quotas attacked

EEC dairy quotas have been "an unmitigated failure", according to a report by Agra Europe, the research organization.

The blame rests with the member states, which "have consistently subverted and distorted the original intentions and objectives of the Commission's proposals". As a result, there appears little prospect of effective measures to reduce the output of milk and milk products in the near future.

In a separate report for Agra Europe, Professor Christopher Ritson, of Newcastle University, and Mr Alan Swinbank, of Reading University, forecast increasing surpluses of fruit and vegetables, largely as a result of higher returns to Spanish producers since Spain joined the EEC.

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'Rest land to clear surpluses'

More than half Britain's arable farmers would support a scheme to take land out of production in order to curb cereal surpluses, a survey by Farmers Weekly shows.

But most of those in favour would prefer a compulsory programme to the voluntary one proposed by the Government. Nearly three-quarters opposed restrictions on nitrogen fertilizers, mainly because they could not be effectively policed.

About half the farmers questioned would settle for compensation of between £50 and £100 an acre. The Government is said to be thinking of around £75 an acre, which represents one year's storage costs for two tonnes of wheat, somewhat below the national average yield but a good return on marginal land.

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Geese fly headlong into dispute with distillers

Gaggles of Greenland white-fronted geese are arriving at Dutch Moss, on the Isle of Islay, for the winter unaware that they have stirred up a bitter dispute between two government departments.

For the rare breed's traditional roosting ground is also in demand for its peat, which is used to impart a distinctive flavour to whisky.

The Scottish Office has come out in support of the peat-cutting whisky-makers, denying that they threaten the geese, while the Department of Environment has backed the European Commission, which

declared it a site of special scientific interest (SSI). The geese breed in Greenland, wintering at several roosting grounds in Ireland and off the west coast of Scotland. But their numbers dropped to about 15,000 by the end of the 1970s when peat-cutters invaded their traditional habitat in Ireland.

Islay is now considered one of their most important remaining sites and their numbers have been slowly rising in recent years - although they are still classed as an endangered species.

The saga of Dutch Moss began when the Scottish Office gave planning permission to Scottish Malt Distillers Company to cut peat, on condition that no work was carried out in winter. This was found to contravene European law, ratified in Britain, which banned any work there.

Islanders were divided and the future of the distilleries and vital jobs were threatened. There were claims that Scotch whisky, such as White Horse, would never taste the same without this peat flavouring. David Bellamy, the conservationist, and fellow bird lovers were loudly hooped at a public meeting on the island.

Lord Melchett, a former Labour minister, has been investigating the Government's attitude, and particularly the role played by Mr John MacKay, Under Secretary of State at the Scottish Office and MP for Argyll and Bute, which includes Islay.

He said that in a letter to an island councillor, Mr MacKay accused the European Commission of "outside and ignorant interference" and that its decision to designate the site an SSI was "an unfortunate complication".

Lord Glenarthur, another Scottish Office Minister, said: "The Government does not accept that significant damage to the habitat of the Greenland white-fronted geese is likely. They, therefore, naturally regret any subsequent delays which place obstacles in the way of development of an industry of great importance to the people of Islay."

The geese are also threatened by signs of ferrets on Islay, and the Government is being asked to continue to fund an eradication programme due to end soon.

Solicitors in protest over Bar call for client link

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Solicitors have launched a strong counter-attack on proposals from the Bar that some clients be allowed to deal with barristers direct and not go through a solicitor.

In a paper published today, the Law Society gives a warning that the proposals could lead to barristers doing solicitors' work and placing themselves "in direct competition" with their colleagues.

That could be "divisive" and threaten a relationship where "unreserved co-operation is essential", it says.

Their riposte to draft proposals from a Bar Council committee threatens fresh differences between the two branches of the profession about how far their restrictive practices should be dismantled.

Solicitors have in recent months launched a vigorous campaign for wider advocacy rights, which are restricted in the higher courts to the Bar, and the Bar committee now proposes that other professionals and employed barristers (such as in commerce and industry) have direct access.

The Law Society strongly opposes these proposals, saying that to instruct a barrister adequately in the specialist areas where direct access is proposed requires some degree of legal qualification.

As a result of the proposals, instructions given to a barrister could be deficient and lead "to the barrister assuming

wider responsibilities" and in effect doing the job of a solicitor, it says.

Alternatively, a barrister may find himself refusing "deficient" instructions and thereby breaching the "cab rank rule" which obliges barristers to accept the next brief, whatever it is.

It also gives a warning that for the first time solicitors could find themselves in competition with the client for big areas of work; an accountant's client might need legal advice on tax matters and the accountant could choose to go either to a barrister or a solicitor for the advice.

Solicitors are increasingly specialized and "do not fear that competition", the society says.

"But barristers should realize that in placing themselves in direct competition with solicitors they would be introducing a divisive element into a relationship where unreserved co-operation is essential."

In response to the Law Society paper Mr Peter Scott, chairman-elect of the Bar, said that the society's arguments "follow in many respects those put forward by the Bar in connection with rights of audience in the higher courts".

The Law Society's stance "tacitly recognizes" the strength of the Bar's argument that only advocates with specialist training and experience should be allowed to take cases in the higher courts, he said.

Lawyers sued in kidnapping case

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

The High Court will rule today in a test case brought by a woman against her husband's solicitors for alleged negligence which led to her two children being kidnapped and taken abroad without hope of return.

The case, which could go to the Court of Appeal and even the House of Lords, has far-reaching implications for the legal profession.

It tests new ground on two fronts: whether a firm of solicitors owes any duty of care to another firm's client and is therefore able to be sued for negligence; and secondly, it will determine whether damages for nervous shock, usually awarded for bereavement, can successfully be claimed for the "loss" of children who have been abducted.

The woman, Mrs Sophia Al Kandari, is suing a Bristol firm of solicitors, J R Brown & Company, for alleged negligence in releasing her husband's passport in breach of an implied undertaking.

As a result, she says, her husband kidnapped her two

children and returned home to Kuwait. That was in 1981 and she has not seen them since.

The case arises from divorce proceedings between the couple five years ago. Mrs Al Kandari's solicitors, Bevan Hancock & Co, another Bristol firm, say that one condition of access to the two children, then aged 18 months and three and a half years, was that the father would lodge his passport with his solicitors. That was because he had previously kidnapped the children.

The father then decided to return to Kuwait, his home country, and asked for the children's names to be deleted from the passport.

His solicitors released his passport to a London firm of solicitors acting as their agents so it could be taken to the Kuwait embassy for the necessary alterations.

The London firm agreed to meet Mr Al Kandari at the embassy to sort matters out but that meeting failed to materialize.



These building workers who commute from Yorkshire bring a level of craftsmanship which their employers say cannot be had from London tradesmen (Photograph: John Rogers)

Life in the fast lane for Yorkshire's brickies

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

A group of about 20 craftsmen in the building trade board a convoy of Transit vans in Sheffield at 4am every Monday, bound for the week's work in London.

When they arrive, by 8am, they take the seats out, the vans become pick-up and delivery vehicles for materials, and the day begins.

For five full days, the men, about a third of whom have been drawn directly from the unemployment queue, work at converting houses into flats in Philbeach Gardens, Earls Court, and at 3pm on Friday they stop work, put the seats back into the vans, and are back in Sheffield by about 7pm for the weekend.

It is a job scheme which suits staff and employer well. The weekly motorway commuters are well paid for their long journey to work and the employers get good results, high-quality craftsmanship completed in quick time.

The idea came from Brian Henton, a speed merchant who drove Formula 1 racing cars until 1983 when he came fourth in the Race of Champions at Brands Hatch and was not re-hired.

Deciding that he must do something else fairly speedily, he formed the Sheffield-based Provincial House Group with an accountant, Tony Marsden, and a builder, Clive Martin. They became involved in urban renewal schemes in Yorkshire and north Derbyshire, in villages made redundant through cutbacks in mining and in inner city areas, such as Rotherham, where they bought entire roads of houses from the local authority, renovated them and sold them to first-time buyers.

Expanding their activities, the firm saw opportunities for the conversion of houses in the Kensington and Earls Court areas of London, concentrating on two-bedroom flats up to



£150,000 and, just over a year ago, began operations.

Mr Henton recalls that they considered using local labour, but it would be expensive and would not give them control of quality or work rate.

"So we decided to bring our own men down from Yorkshire, a sort of 'on your bike' scheme. We decided to pay the London rate for the job so that they would not be tempted

away, and we put them up in bed and breakfast hotels during the week. It works very well, for we get the quality and we do the job quicker."

Back in Yorkshire, the craftsmen would earn a top rate of about £150 a week. In London they earn £300 to £350 a week, the firm pays £10 a night bed and breakfast for each of them, and they pay for their other food.

The team has been together for some time now, and as they work towards completing about 50 flats by the end of next year they have a timetable of 16 weeks for a five-storey house in Philbeach Gardens, (faster than their rivals), to gut the house, and

create five flats, one on each floor. The first was completed last week, celebrated by the planting of a cherry tree in the gardens, and work is proceeding with the next house, a few doors down the road, which is adorned with the sign "acquired...for conversion by Yorkshire craftsmen".

"The craftsmen are happy, and able to save money. The employers are happy. Brian Henton says: "We know of the quality of their workmanship in joinery, plastering and brickwork, and this attention to detail is paying dividends."

Although no firm date has yet been set, Mr Henton plans to float 25 per cent of the company on the Stock Ex-

change. When he does so his employees, including those drawn directly from the unemployment queue will be invited to become shareholders.

"All buyers, whether miners in Yorkshire or professionals in London, share a common requirement in their housing - quality."

"A typical buyer in South Yorkshire might well have as a first priority the location for his pigeon loft, whereas his southern equivalent is much more interested in access to the City and the Tube network."

There is no provision for pigeon lofts in Philbeach Gardens.

Research to check diet link with crime

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

Researchers are planning to screen 50 people accused of serious offences in East Anglia to see if fitness in diet, dietary mineral deficiencies and poisons such as lead are linked with behaviour.

One American experiment reduced by more than 40 per cent anti-social conduct such as fighting, lying and stealing among adolescent delinquents in 14 institutions, according to the Biosocial Therapy Association, which holds a seminar next weekend at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. Researchers changed the adolescents' diet. For example, soft drinks, refined carbohydrates, high sugar desserts and cereals were removed and fruits and fruit juices introduced. Suicides ceased in one institution where there had been five in a year.

Mrs Gail Bradley, the association's director, who is a former probation officer, took hair samples of her probation clients. Out of eight clients, all except one were found to have high lead and cadmium, which are known to poison the brain, she says.

All showed symptoms of low zinc levels. Zinc is essential in enzymes necessary to metabolize food. Mrs Bradley says, "Zinc has been shown to be low in the population at large but it seems particularly prevalent in hyperactivity, so often a condition linked with juvenile crime."

Her clients' histories also indicated they were short of thiamine (vitamin B1), another deficiency linked with juvenile delinquency.

The International Journal of Biosocial Research, (Biosocial Therapy Association, 11: Hampstead Way, Hampstead Garden Suburb, London NW11 7JN; £21.50).

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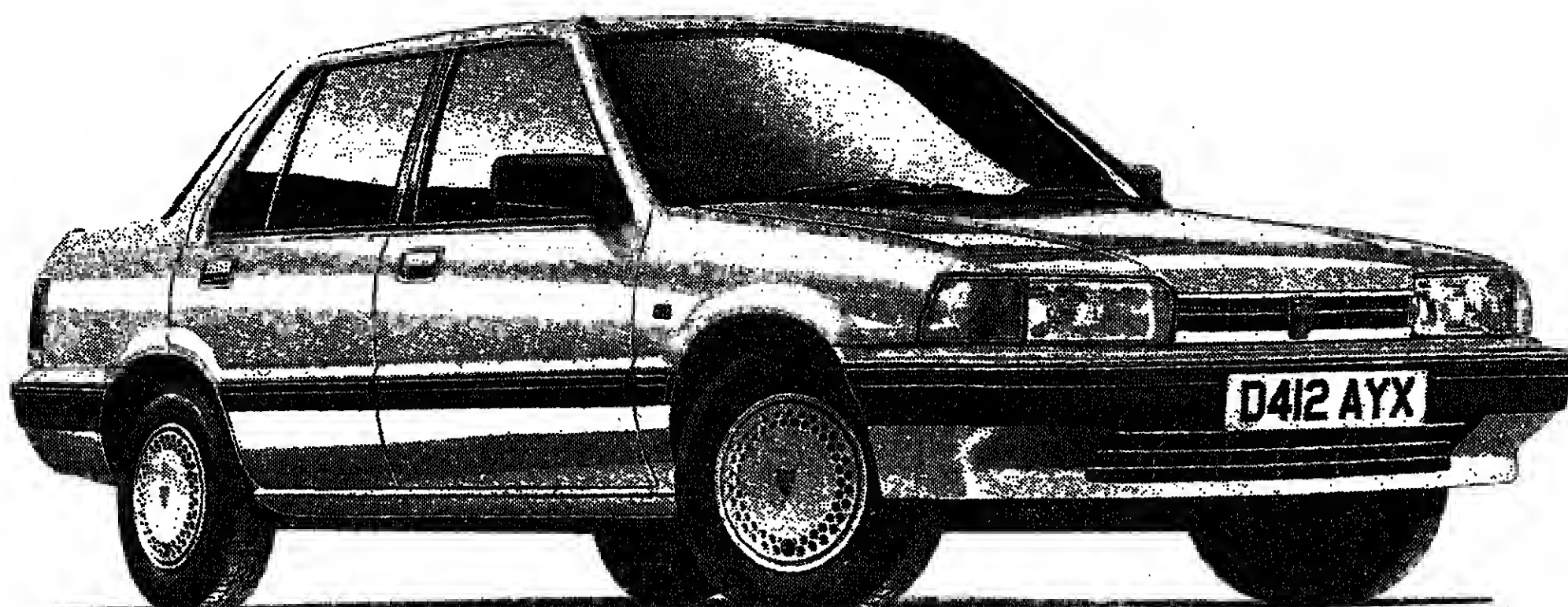
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WORLD SUMMARY

Sleeping women die in store blaze

Butuan (Reuter) - Eighteen women and three children were killed yesterday when fire destroyed a department store in the southern Philippines.

Police said the victims were sleeping above the Butuan Fairmart store where the women were saleswomen and could not escape because the exits were padlocked. Two people jumped from a window and were treated for second degree burns.

The girl and two boys killed were the children of the store's owner who was in Manila, about 370 miles away.

Investigators said first reports indicated that the fire, which took 1 1/2 hours to control, was started by an electric stove that overheated, but arson investigators were on the scene.

The keys to the main door and fire exits were apparently kept by the shop's cashier, who was among the victims, a fire department spokesman said.

Rebel death claims

Lisbon - The Mozambique rebel movement Renamo claims to have killed more than 300 Mozambicans, Zimbabwean and Cuban soldiers last week in attacks in the north and centre of Mozambique (Martha de la Cal writes).

In a communiqué issued in Lisbon, Renamo also said its troops had destroyed the railway line in the Beira corridor at four points - Dondo, Tica, Mafonga and Bandula - and that rail traffic between the ports of Beira and Zimbabwe was paralysed.

Renamo said the 300 troops killed included 164 Mozambicans, 131 Zimbabweans and 12 Cuban military instructors. Zimbabwean troops are guarding the important Beira corridor that supplies Zimbabwe.

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Air alert arrest

Osaka police have arrested Mr Seiki Nakagawa, the man suspected of setting off a grenade which could have brought down a Thai International Airbus with its 246 passengers and crew two weeks ago.

A police team is now in Manila investigating what is said to be a regular traffic in weapons from the Philippines to Japan. Mr Nakagawa is said to have made the run seven times before his arrest.

Writer returns

Mr Jan Raath, The Times correspondent in Harare, returned home yesterday, two months after he was stripped of his citizenship and expelled by Zimbabwean authorities (Nicholas Beeston writes).

Mr Raath said his lawyer told him last month that he would be allowed to rejoin his family in Harare and continue his work.

He has worked for The Times for the past two years and also writes for other foreign publications.

Africa hunger threat

Rome (Reuter) - Many Africans could be hungrier in 1990 than they were in 1980, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization said.

Its projections reflected problems inherent in raising domestic food output in line with population growth and expectations that foreign exchange constraints would make importing of food difficult.

Undernutrition in these African countries was likely to worsen unless domestic crop production were stepped up and imports of food increased, according to the report "Agricultural Commodity Projections to 1990".

Flights cut move

Harare - Mr Robert Mugabe's Government is expected to make an announcement here within the next fortnight on cutting off all direct airline flights between Zimbabwe and South Africa (Michael Hartnack writes).

A decision is also awaited on the future of the permanent "trade missions" - really consulates - the two countries maintain.

Necklace murder

Johannesburg - A youth aged 18 was burnt to death in a black residential area near Durban, and there were continuing clashes between rioters and police in Soweto at the weekend, the Government's Bureau for Information said (Michael Hornsby writes).

The youth was murdered by other blacks using the "necklace" method - a blazing petrol-soaked tyre around the neck.

Falklands top agenda for American states

From Martha Honey, San José, Costa Rica

The latest dispute between Britain and Argentina over the Falkland Islands is expected to dominate the Organization of American States annual meeting which opens in Guatemala City today.

As requested by Argentina, there will be a special meeting of the organization's Permanent Council which is composed of foreign ministers from the member states.

This extraordinary session, scheduled for tomorrow, is expected to pass a resolution critical of Britain. In addition the General Assembly will debate the Falkland issue as it has every year since the 1982 conflict.

The new crisis has erupted after Britain's declaration of a 150-nautical-mile fishing zone around the islands. Argentina, protesting that the zone overlaps with its territorial waters, has reactivated its 150-year-old claim to the islands.

A high-ranking Western diplomat in Guatemala said that Britain "has no support whatsoever from Latin America" but does have a "little support" from some Caribbean members of the organization. He said the role of the

OAS future in doubt

From Michael Smith, Lima

Diplomatic momentum is building to form a new Latin American organization to improve the region's leverage for better economic and trade terms, as well as increase its presence in world power politics.

A recent meeting of the Latin American Economic System, a 26-member economic coordinating body, gave a mandate to Peru's Foreign Minister, Señor Allan Wagner, to sound out specific proposals with other countries. A conference of foreign ministers is to evaluate them early next year.

President García of Peru recently pointed out that Latin

France still the odd man out in response to Syrian terror

Moment of truth for EEC resolve

by Andrew McEwan Diplomatic Correspondent

Europe's mettle in the face of Syrian-sponsored terrorism faces a crucial test today.

If the 12 EEC nations have the will to resist Syrian attempts to divide them, their foreign ministers will demonstrate it by banning arms sales to Damascus.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, will press for adoption of four measures, including the arms ban, at today's meeting in London.

His task is to convince them that a show of European political courage holds the best hope of discouraging further state-sponsored ventures.

Syria is seen by many diplomats as playing European nations off against each other, France being particularly vulnerable.

Anything less than adoption of the arms ban by at least 10 of the 12 would mean reprisal threats emanating from Damascus last week had succeeded.

Sir Geoffrey's package provides a second chance for the 12 to disprove widely held suspicions that the EEC is no match for President Assad of Syria. The first attempt, at a foreign ministers' meeting in Luxembourg last month, left Europe looking embarrassingly limp-wristed.

Sir Geoffrey asked his 11 partners for support after severing relations with Damascus over Syrian involvement in an attempt to blow up an El Al airliner, but only the two mildest proposals were adopted.

These were that the Syrian Ambassador to London and his staff should not be accredited by any of the 12 after their expulsion from London, and that the EEC should express "a common sense of outrage."

Even that was too strong for Greece, which abstained. Athens has stronger ties to Arab governments than most European capitals.

Since then British diplomats have lobbied hard for a show of unity at today's meeting.

British diplomats concede that it would be a major step for Mr Theodoros Pangalos, the Greek minister for European Affairs, to associate himself with the arms ban.

Other measures called for are a ban on visits by senior Syrian officials to European capitals, tighter security measures against Syrian Arab Airlines and closer monitoring of Syrian diplomatic activities in Europe.

● BONN: Chancellor Kohl of West Germany and Prime Minister Chirac of France said yesterday that they expected it would be possible to achieve solidarity on common action by the EEC countries against Syria (John England writes).



M Chirac (second from right), at a dinner hosted by the Jewish Institution of France with the Israeli Ambassador, Mr Soffer Ovadia (right), Chief Rabbi René Samuel of France (second from left), and former Premier, M Laurent Fabius.

Chirac denial fails to convince critics

From Diana Geddes, Paris

There have been so many recent rumours, contradictions and denials surrounding France's policy towards terrorism and the Middle East that few people here believe the latest semi-denial by M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, of the comments attributed to him by The Washington Times.

In an article in Friday's edition of the American paper, Mr Arnaud de Borchgrave, the paper's editor, claimed M Chirac told him that, accord-

ing to the West German Chancellor, Herr Kohl, and the German Foreign Minister, Herr Genscher, the bomb plot on the El Al plane at the heart of the Hindawi affair was not the work of Syria but of the Mossad, the Israeli secret service, aided by opponents of the Syrian regime.

The article made it clear that M Chirac also espoused that view. In subsequent denials M Chirac initially said the "interpretation" of his comments to Mr de Borchgrave were "totally without

foundation", and later said Mr de Borchgrave had gone "way beyond" what he had told him.

M Chirac denies having claimed that the Mossad was behind the Hindawi affair. "Neither the Germans nor the French have ever imagined such a thing. It is quite absurd," he said.

However, he has not specifically denied that he has doubts about the Syrians' responsibility for the affair, despite his Foreign Minister's comments on Friday that Britain had

provided "sufficiently convincing proof" for France to be able to manifest its solidarity with Britain at today's EEC Foreign Ministers' meeting in London.

M Chirac does not deny having spoken to Mr de Borchgrave, but insists that he did not accord him an official interview, and that their conversation was supposed to have been "off the record."

He thought Mr de Borchgrave's tape recorder was switched off, he said.

Referring to a similar incident with an Israeli journalist in August, who likewise reported alleged comments by the French Prime Minister in an "off the record" conversation, M Chirac said: "Such things happen. I've already been the victim of such a phenomenon.

Socialists have been demanding a full explanation of the circumstances surrounding the Washington Times story.

● Story denied: The Foreign Office yesterday dismissed as "fantastic" allegations in a Sunday newspaper that a high level Iranian delegation had visited London to negotiate a deal for sophisticated British arms (Nicholas Beeston writes).

● TEHRAN: Regarding the prolonged conflict in the Gulf, the Ayatollah said war against Iraq was a religious duty, and would continue even after he was gone (Reuter reports).

Khomeini's intimations of mortality

By Robert Fisk, Middle East Correspondent

Ayatollah Khomeini yesterday attempted to quell the growing power struggle among the clergy in Iran by delivering a rare and unusually brief soliloquy on the irrelevance of his health and the inevitability of his own death.

It lasted only seven minutes and the sound of wailing could be heard behind the microphones of Tehran Radio as the 57-year-old Iranian leader told a gathering of Revolutionary Guards that the Islamic Republic would outlive his own demise.

The Ayatollah spoke in a low monotone but there was no trace in his voice of recent ill health or of the heart attack which he apparently suffered this summer, even though he referred to this in his state-

ment. "Every day there are rumours that this and that has happened, that so and so has had a heart attack, that so and so is on his death bed," he said. "So let it be. Of course death comes to everyone, and to me too... this is something that happens and you will see that, God willing, the Islamic Republic will remain."

The thrust of the Ayatollah's brief address was that Iran's future belonged to no single individual, a fact somewhat belied by his own life and by the ambitions of his possible successors. The Revolutionary Guards could be heard over the radio chanting: "Oh God, Oh God, until Mehdî's revolution, keep Khomeini! Mehdî - or 'the Mahdî' as he is more popularly pronounced

in the West - is the twelfth Imam whom Shia Muslims believe will return on Judgement Day.

"Our enemies must understand that the Islamic Republic from now on - in fact from the beginning - has been stabilized and is not dependent on any person but on the people and the armed forces," the Ayatollah said. Even the bomb attack on the headquarters of the Islamic Republican Party in 1981 - in which 75 people had died - had not disrupted Iran.

Regarding the prolonged conflict in the Gulf, the Ayatollah said war against Iraq was a religious duty, and would continue even after he was gone (Reuter reports).

Inter-Jewish rivalry

Bright boy who turned 'traitor'

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Israeli police last night denied that Mr Mordechai Vanunu was in their custody or in any prison run by the Prisons Service, indicating that he is being held in one of the wings of a prison under the control of Shin Bet, the counter-intelligence agency, which does not come under the jurisdiction of the police or Prisons Service.

There is unlikely to be any meaningful outcry in Israel, where Mr Vanunu is regarded across the political spectrum as a traitor who sold state secrets for money and to honour a mistaken moral code he learned on being converted to Christianity in August.

The only serious public concern is that a man who has now been shown to have so rebellious a past could have obtained a top secret job at the nuclear research centre and to have kept it for nearly 10 years, despite evidence that he was both pro-communist and pro-Palestinian.

It is doubtless as a result of this obvious security lapse that the senior Shin Bet official responsible for vetting personnel at the Dimona centre is now reported to have been sacked.

Mr Vanunu arrived in Israel as a boy of eight from Morocco, where his devout Orthodox parents had been well-to-do business people. They had emigrated to Israel 24 years ago and found themselves not welcomed in style, but bundled off to Beersebeva.

The boy was bright, but as he grew he began to harbour an increasing resentment for the East European Ashkenazi Jews, whom he believed were allowed to settle in better areas and to find better jobs thanks to help from a Government dominated by Ashkenazis.

These resentments led him as a student to support left-wing anti-Zionist politics. He became a Communist and joined demonstrations.

Given this background it must be astonishing that he was able to find work at Dimona, where security is obviously so crucial. It was only at the end of last year that he was dismissed from Dimona for instability and, even so, when he left sailed away from Israel, last January, there is no sign that he was regarded as a security risk.

In Australia he contacted Newsweek magazine and said that "for the good of the world" he was ready to sell a story about Israel's nuclear capacity. He broke off discussions because, he said, he was "too frightened to go ahead".

It was about this time that he dropped into an old Anglican church in the Kings Cross area of Sydney and became a member. He took part in discussion groups and it was during one of these that he revealed his connection with Dimona. News of this reached a South American journalist who offered to act as an agent for the story and went to Madrid where he contacted The Sunday Times.

Unsatisfied about how much he was personally to receive, he contacted the Sunday Mirror, which published a report on September 28. A week later The Sunday Times story appeared but by then Mr Vanunu had disappeared.

He had checked into the Mountbatten Hotel in Covent Garden on September 25 under the name of Forester, but appears to have broken cover by going to the Sunday Mirror. On September 30, after two long telephone calls to the Church in Sydney and a shorter call to The Sunday Times he voluntarily checked out of his hotel.

Safety flaw pollutes Rhine

From John England Bonn

Safety measures at the Sandoz chemicals plant in Basle, where a fire led to serious pollution of the Rhine were insufficient, according to an internal report of the West German Chemicals Industry Association.

The report, disclosed yesterday by the Social Democratic Party (SPD) in Bonn, said that the storage building where the fire broke out had no vessels to catch leaking chemicals, no automatic sprinklers and no automatic smoke or heat-warning system.

The building, known as 956, contained agricultural chemicals stored along one of its walls and other raw materials along the other. Only about 10 yards away was another store containing sodium, acid chloride and other water-sensitive chemicals.

Herr Volker Hauff, the deputy SPD parliamentary floor leader, said: "Sodium and water make a highly-explosive mixture. We have once again scraped past a great catastrophe."

The association report said the investigation into the cause of the fire would probably take weeks.

Meanwhile, as many West German towns and villages along the Rhine face a water shortage because their wells have been closed, the National Rhine Safety Commission is to meet in Bonn today to discuss the pollution disaster.

The commission consists of representatives of six Land (state) governments and Herr Walter Wallmann, the new Federal Minister for the Environment, who will also have talks with the Chemicals Industry Association in Bonn tomorrow.

● GENEVA: Carrying banners proclaiming "We do not want to be tomorrow's fish" demonstrators paraded through the centre of Basle on Saturday to the headquarters of the Sandoz chemical company (Alan McGregor writes).

The demonstrators were incensed by reports that at least 200 gallons of a toxic liquid containing mercury had leaked into the river the previous day from a retention basin at the plant. The Rhine was briefly coloured red, as it was after the November 1 fire.

● AMSTERDAM: Dutch engineers closed sluices and locks yesterday to protect the country's extensive waterways from contamination by toxic waste travelling down the Rhine from Switzerland (Reuter reports).

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Cairo manoeuvre Cabinet resigns as \$1bn loan day approaches

By Robert Fisk, Middle East Correspondent

The International Monetary Fund, according to cynics in Cairo, controls the Egyptian Government — and the resignation of President Mubarak's entire Cabinet yesterday suggested they might be right.

The departure of Mr Aly Lutfy's ineffective administration is said to have been one of the principal conditions laid down by foreign bankers for a further loan to Egypt of \$1 billion (£690 million) within the next few weeks.

Mr Mubarak appointed a leading economist, Mr Atef Sedki, who is head of the

economic committee of the Government's consultative Shura Council, as his new Prime Minister in time for today's new session of the People's Assembly in Cairo.

Mr Lutfy's Cabinet had cut down imports and raised customs tariffs but this had in turn increased prices.

The control of prices was one of the main demands Mr Mubarak made of his new Prime Minister in his letter of appointment yesterday.

The new Government, the President wrote, would have to increase production, improve agriculture and land reclamation and develop tourism, family planning and health services.

The IMF and the World Bank are also insisting that the Egyptian pound be pegged to a more realistic dollar exchange rate — in the region of £E1.90 to the dollar, the present black market rate. Officially the rate is £E1.35 to the dollar.

● CAIRO: Born in 1930, Mr Sedki graduated in law at Cairo University (Reuter reports). He obtained his doctorate in economics from Paris, and was also cultural attaché there for four years.



Senator Edward Kennedy (right) chatting with his son, Ted junior, at the White House, where he announced he would chair the Senate Labour and Human Resources Committee.

Hamburg poll under close scrutiny

Bonn — Voters in the city-state of Hamburg went to the polls yesterday in the final election before the federal poll in January and one which all parties in Bonn were watching as a possible barometer of their national standing (John England writes).

The Christian Democrats (CDU) were hoping to wrest power from the Social Democrats (SPD), who have ruled in Hamburg for nearly 30 years. The SPD was defending its absolute majority, won at the last election in 1982.

The Greens-Alternative List (GAL) party, which broke into the State Assembly at the last election, was hoping to put on strength, especially from women voters, who make up 55 per cent of the 1.25 million electorate, by fielding an all-female list of candidates.

The Free Democrats (FDP), out of Parliament since 1978 because of their failure to hurdle the barrier requiring a minimum five-per cent vote, were hoping to scrape back in.

Kennedy chooses his committee

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Senator Edward Kennedy announced at the weekend that he would take over the chairmanship of the Senate Labour and Human Resources Committee rather than the Judiciary Committee, which he had been expected to head.

This will allow him to play a fuller role in the influential Foreign Relations Committee, where Democratic liberals are preparing for a number of confrontations with the Reagan Administration.

Mr Kennedy's decision means that the Judiciary Committee is likely to be chaired by Senator Joseph Biden, a Democrat from Delaware and possible presidential contender in 1988.

The committee is expected to be aggressive in holding up or rejecting some of President Reagan's conservative appointments to the US Judiciary.

It now looks certain that moderate or conservative Democrats will head nine of the 17 key Senate committees.

Many of them are from the south, an area that has reassured its influence with the sweep of new Democratic senators from the states of the old Confederacy.

Some of them will be hardly less conservative than their Republican predecessors.

Mr Kennedy, one of the Senate's leading liberals, invoked the memory of his two brothers, John and Robert,

who both served on the Labour Committee as senators. He chose to head this body, which deals with unions and employment, because it puts him in the best position to "advance the causes that I care deeply about in public life". In his new role, he is likely to run into several confrontations with the White House in his efforts to reshape federal education, benefit and jobs programmes.

President Reagan in his first radio address since the mid-term election, called on Congress to join him in finding a new way for America to fix its budget each year.

He called the cumbersome wrangling, which can last up to eight months, "a disgrace" and said it was unworthy of the greatest democracy in the world.

Citing unhappiness with the present system in both parties, he indicated he would make budget reform his new domestic campaign, following the successful passage of tax reform. He also called again for a "line-item veto" — the right to strike out individual sections of a bill without vetoing the whole measure.

By picking on a subject that transcends party politics and is causing growing unease throughout the country, Mr Reagan indicated that he is looking for agreement and conciliation in his last two years, rather than confrontation with Congress.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

The Democrats have emerged from the mid-term elections not only with an immediate gain in power but also with a new opportunity. For years they have been bewildered by the Reagan aura, not knowing how to combat a President whose popularity did not seem to be affected by his policies or even by his performance.

But now they know that he will never be able to fight another election himself and he no longer appears capable of deterring the votes for others. Suddenly a new dawn opens for the Democrats.

To some extent this is based on a false impression. Last week's elections were not a referendum on Reaganism, and anyway the Republicans did rather well overall for the gathering party in mid-term. But in politics it is often appearances that are the true reality.

The Democrats appeared to triumph; therefore they triumphed. They have been given new hope and confidence as they look towards 1988.

But how is the party going to take advantage of this opportunity? Ideally, it should use its control of Congress to develop and project a programme on which the next presidential candidate could run.

There is a school of thought among American political scientists which believes that President Kennedy would never have won the White House in 1960 if the Democrats in Congress had not used their mid-term triumphs of 1958 to create a sense that the party was on the march.

Democrats lack an agenda for action

It will be more difficult to convey such an impression this time. The Democrats did not win the Senate because they were swept along on any national current. Their victory does not imply endorsement of a programme. They have recovered control without an agenda and the decline in party discipline would make it harder these days to build a positive record for 1988 even if they did have an agenda.

On arms control, for example, different Democrats are likely to attack the Administration from contradictory standpoints. The influential Senator Sam Nunn, who is expected to become the new chairman of the Armed Services Committee, will be criticizing the President for what he was prepared to negotiate away at Reykjavik. But those on the liberal wing of the party are likely to complain that he is missing a historic opportunity by refusing to give up the Strategic Defence Initiative.

So many thoughtful Democrats have more modest ambitions for the new Senate: not so much to construct a winning programme for 1988 as to avoid a losing record.

With the Democrats now in charge of both Houses of Congress they could easily find themselves being blamed for everything that goes wrong in the next couple of years. They therefore need to avoid appearing either too factional among themselves or too disruptive in their dealings with a President who will still be immensely popular.

They will want to give even more help to the farmers, but they cannot afford to gain a reputation as big spenders. They will press for more trade protection, but they could suffer in the long-run if they just looked like a bunch of political opportunists.

But if the Democrats in Congress do follow a prudent strategy it would mean that the party would have to depend all the more for its positive appeal in 1988 on the personality of its candidate.

The contender who has, I believe, gained most from last week's Democratic successes is Gary Hart, even though he did not himself run for re-election to the Senate. When a party does well that benefits the front-runner, who in this case are Mr Hart and Governor Mario Cuomo of New York.

Mr Cuomo was re-elected by a massive majority, but he lost friends in the party by failing to appear as a team player. In any case, he may look too much of a New Yorker to do well in the South or the West.

This certainly does not mean that Mr Hart is now assured of the nomination. But he has become the man to beat as the Democrats look more hopefully than ever before towards 1988.

Hostage taker's suicide

Bangkok (Reuters) — A prisoner who held several people, including a judge, hostage in an attempt to escape during trial here has killed himself.

Prison officials said Boonert Hampala hanged himself in his cell with string from a leg restraint at the Bangkok Central Prison.

Whaling sabotage

Reykjavik (AFP) — Two of Iceland's four whaling boats were found sunk yesterday morning in Reykjavik harbour, Icelandic radio reported.

It said sabotage was suspected. The boats, of which only the prows were visible, attracted hordes of sightseers.

Typhoon toll

Dhaka — Eleven people were killed and more than 500 wounded when a typhoon lashed scores of coastal villages and offshore islands in southern Bangladesh, whipping up water from the Bay of Bengal (Ahmed Fazl writes).

Six arrested

Sydney (AFP) — Six Greenpeace protesters, including a West German, were arrested in Darwin during an attempt to prevent loading of an export shipment of uranium yellowcake, a spokesman for the environmental organization said.

Palme claim

Stockholm — The Swedish Justice Minister, Mr Sten Wickbom, has refused to discuss a proposition tabled in the parliament (Riksdag) by Communist MP Mr Jorn Sveresson accusing the CIA of arranging the assassination earlier this year of the socialist Prime Minister, Mr Olof Palme.

Drug charge

Rio de Janeiro (Reuters) — Police in north-eastern Brazil have arrested a Briton, Mr Steven John Aitken, aged 34, on charges of drug possession.

Flood tragedy

Teheran (AFP) — Ten children died when floods caused by heavy rain swept through a village in Iran's Khuzestan province, damaging homes and killing livestock.

Crime curbs

Peking (AFP) — China has executed or sentenced to long prison terms 624,000 offenders since an anti-crime campaign was launched three years ago.

32 drowned

Cairo (AFP) — Thirty-two people drowned when a bus crashed into a taxi on a road between Kena and Beni-Suef, in upper Egypt, sending both vehicles plunging into a canal.

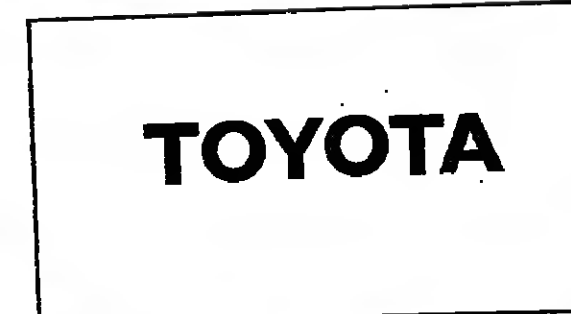
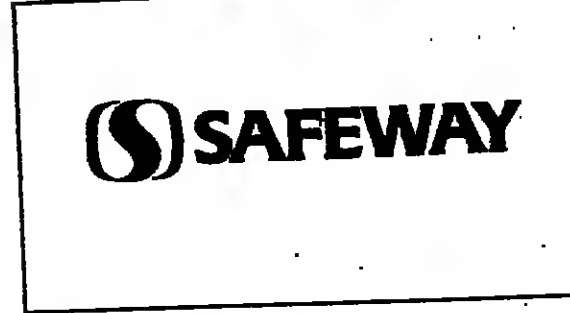
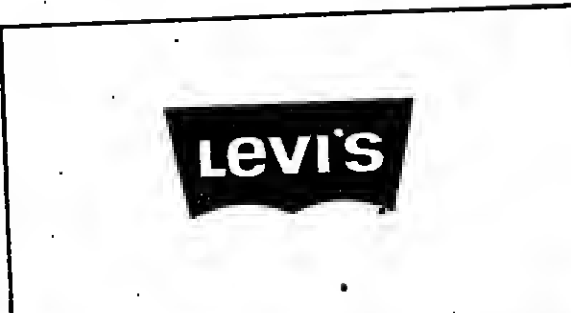
Decapitated

Kinshasa (AFP) — A Zairean student aged 18 was sentenced to death for decapitating a friend with a hatchet in an effort to initiate him to magic.

Jeep sale

Peking (Reuters) — Beijing Jeep, a Sino-US joint venture that almost failed earlier this year due to a foreign-exchange shortage, will export for the first time when it sells 31 Jeeps to South America, the People's Daily said.

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Massive force on parade to mark 25 years of Sandinistas

From Alan Tomlinson, Nicaragua

Nicaragua commemorated the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the Sandinista National Liberation Front on Saturday with the biggest display of military strength the country has ever seen.

More than 6,000 men and over 100 Soviet-built tanks and armoured vehicles took part, along with artillery, mobile anti-aircraft batteries and helicopters. It took the parade an hour and a half to file past the grandstand.

The precision of the march-past and the variety of weapons on show indicated a level of military sophistication rare in a country of only three million people.

It was watched by guests from political parties, liberation movements from 80 countries and by a crowd of tens of thousands packed into Masagosa's Carlos Fonseca Park, named after the original leader of the Sandinista revolution whose death in combat 10 years ago was also commemorated by the event.

The Nicaraguan Army clearly wanted to demonstrate to Washington what an invading force would be up against should President Reagan de-

cide to settle his differences with the Sandinistas through direct military intervention.

For anyone who missed the point, President Daniel Ortega spelled it out in his address. President Reagan had been unable to defeat the Sandinista revolution by supporting the Contra rebels, he said, nor would he be able to do so by committing American troops.

"The Sandinista Front is the people and that's what makes it indestructible," he said. However, Mr Ortega's speech, which concentrated on listing the achievements of the party over its 25 years, drew little response from a throng which is usually valuable in support of its Government on big occasions.

The Nicaraguan leader made a strong appeal for world peace, urging countries to support the Soviet Union's initiatives for reducing nuclear arms.

He also appealed to the nations of Central America not to "turn themselves into instruments of a suicidal policy" by abandoning the so-called Contadora peace effort.



Nicaraguan troops practising for Saturday's parade to mark the silver jubilee of the Sandinista National Liberation Front.

Delhi holds British Sikh for more questions

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

A British Sikh housewife, who ran into deep trouble with India's highly sensitive anti-terrorist police, has been remanded in police custody for further questioning about her connections with Sikh extremism.

All the efforts of the friends and political allies of Mr Paul Bedi, a teacher from Hayes,

Middlesex, have failed to help his wife, Mrs Kuldeep Kaur, who was arrested at the end of last week and remanded until Wednesday. Even a flying visit by the Conservative MP for Hayes and Harrington, Mr Terry Dicks, failed to move the Indian authorities.

Mrs Kaur was prevented from leaving Delhi on October 18, and was said to have come under suspicion after

some pamphlets had been found in her possession.

Mr Dicks insisted that the pamphlets were nothing more than pages from a local London Punjabi newspaper containing a report of her daughter's wedding. On the other side of the page, however, was an advertisement for a militants' prayer meeting.

According to a series of highly prejudicial leaks by

intelligence sources to the *Indian Express* newspaper, Mrs Kaur has confessed that she met two hardline terrorists recently, and discussed with them ways to finance terrorist activities in India.

Leads such as this are made to selected Indian newspapers in an effort to improve the image of the security forces, and to make it easier to obtain convictions.

Secularism in retreat

Paradox a legacy of the demi-god

Islamic fundamentalism is spreading in Turkey. After a visit to Istanbul, Mario Modiano describes its impact on the secular state in the first of two articles

Turkey assumes the rotating presidency of the Council of Europe this week, just as the nation prepares to mark today the 48th anniversary of the death of Kemal Ataturk, founder of the modern state, whose sweeping reforms had sought to make Turkey a part of Europe.

Ataturk imposed secularism in the firm belief that religion would be an obstacle to his pursuit. The paradox is that today, some six decades later, while Turkey is striving to consolidate its European foothold, the country is experiencing an upsurge of Islamic religiosity, which has exposed the sharp contradictions within Turkish society.

Nowhere is this contrast more pronounced than in Istanbul, the most westernized of Turkish cities, where new mosques are often sandwiched between discos and fast food stores, and where the graceful Bosphorus Bridge symbolizes the determined effort to open the promise of a prosperous European future and the enduring pall of a magnificent Asian past.

It is not only the increasing number of women in *chador*, the Muslim black headscarf, that one notices in the streets of Istanbul and on university campuses. It is also the growing popularity of Koranic studies, the rising influence of the once-outlawed religious societies, and the interest in Islamic literature.

These contradictions are often reflected in politics. Mr Turgut Ozal, the seasoned technocrat who is Turkey's Prime Minister, seems determined to apply for full membership of the European Community soon, but he is also eager to have it known that he is a practising Muslim.

His economic orientation is definitely Westernized. But last month, he found it necessary to reassure participants of an international business conference in Istanbul that Islam posed no threat. "Even in Ottoman times the state managed to keep religion under control," he told them.

It is true that Kemal Ataturk is still revered as a demigod. Yet some of his reforms have been eroded, steadily but discreetly, under the impact of cultural, economic and political pressures.

Dr Serif Mertin, who teaches political sociology at Bogazici University in Istanbul, sees the Islamic revival developing on three levels: the average Turk's increasing reliance on religion as a day-to-day code of behaviour; the day code of behaviour of more intellectual approaches of the *tarikats*, the religious brotherhoods, which seek to interpret the world in Koranic terms; and the militant, theocratic variety.

"Kemal Ataturk's ideas never made much impact on the family structure," Dr Mertin explained. "Ataturk

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gave the people a chart of conduct for their relations with their state, not with society or their own conscience. He did not tell the peasant whether he can send his daughter, aged 17, to the cinema unescorted. The Koran does."

The Turkish peasants who flocked into the big cities in the 1960s and 1970s were unable to adapt to the lifestyle of the well-protected military and bureaucratic élites. So they fell back on the primitive Islam of the Koran to obtain guidance.

The Turkish Government's response was positive. Religious instruction in schools became compulsory under the 1982 constitution, although Evren, who comes from the secularist Army, it stopped short of ordering schools to build places of worship.

A decree now empowers the police to supervise public morality, which is a key concern of the Koran, but not of the Swiss civil code enforced by Ataturk. The courts are taking a more relaxed view of the activities of religious orders, which often come in conflict with the laws protecting secularism.

Few politicians can now afford to disregard the Islamic revival.

Tomorrow: Appeal to young



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Boat gang held for art thefts

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

One of the most daring, well-planned art robberies in Swedish criminal history was the work of a gang of youths aged 18-20, Stockholm police alleged yesterday.

Police said the gang used a speedboat to raid a museum in Stockholm dedicated to Prince Eugen (1865-1947), a member of the Swedish Royal Family who was both artist and collector.

They broke in, setting off an alarm, to steal works by French artists Delacroix, Rousseau, Corot and Derain worth hundreds of thousands of pounds, and leaving behind less revered paintings by the Prince himself.

They then made their escape by sea as police arrived by land. The raid took only an estimated three minutes.

When the gang had trouble in selling the paintings, they buried them in a field. Police said all the canvases had now been recovered but that the Derain had been damaged.

Three youths have been charged, a fourth is being questioned. Police said the gang was also responsible for a series of other highly professional robberies.

Another gang of 25 youthful skinheads has been arrested following a series of attacks on immigrants in Stockholm, police said.

Pakistan threat of party ban

From A Correspondent, Karachi

The Pakistan Government may ban all communal and regional nationalist political groups in Pakistan after last week's violent ethnic clashes in Sindh Province, in which more than 55 died.

The Prime Minister, Mr Mohammed Khan Junejo, told a rally in Hyderabad at the weekend that his Government may ban 25 political and youth organizations, mainly in Sindh, which were openly propagating and fanning "parochial ideologies".

The ban would also include the Sind Baluch Pastun Front, led by Mr Mumtaz Bhutto, the uncle of the opposition leader, Miss Benazir Bhutto.



Mr Junejo: Threat to ban political groups.

Dhaka parties on the march against Ershad

From Ahmed Fazl, Dhaka

Bangladesh's main opposition parties have pushed on with their campaign to unseat President Ershad as the military Government put the final touches to a Bill which will pave the way for the lifting of martial law next Wednesday.

More than 5,000 people carrying flaming torches and shouting slogans for democracy, marched through the streets of Dhaka yesterday despite riot police and strong winds.

The procession, organized by the opposition alliances and the fundamentalist Jammah-i-Islami party, came on the eve of a six-hour general strike scheduled to begin at dawn today in protest at an attempt by General Ershad to get parliamentary approval for his outgoing military regime.

Sheikh Hasina Wazed, chief of the Awami League, the largest opposition group in Parliament, called for General Ershad's resignation and a fresh presidential poll. The President has been credited with a massive victory in the October 15 election which was boycotted by the opposition.

Sheikh Hasina, who controls 95 seats in the 330-member House, vowed to stay away from Parliament when it convenes today.

"We will not allow General Ershad to legitimize his rule," Sheikh Hasina said. Others who have announced that they will also boycott Parliament include the Jammah-i-Islami who have 10 seats.

General Ershad has threatened to keep martial law if the opposition unite to block the passing of the Bill which is aimed at legally protecting the past actions of his military Government.

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Indian state police act to seize 1,000 Tamils and arms in dawn raids

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi
In what is bound to be interpreted as a massive intervention on the side of the Sri Lankan Government in the war against Tamil separatists, police in the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu have conducted a series of dawn raids on rebel guerrillas sheltering in and around Madras, the state capital.
More than 1,000 Tamil exiles were reported to have been rounded up, photographed and later released. Large quantities of weapons were also seized.
A number of the leaders of militant organizations who are carrying on the war in Sri Lanka were reported yesterday to be under virtual house arrest - instructed by the police not to leave home, and with a dozen or so constables posted around their houses.
Those detained in this way include Mr Vellupillai Prabhakaran, the leader of the largest group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, and one of his chief lieutenants, Mr Anton Balasingham, a leading theoretician, and publicist overlord.
Mr Balasingham said yesterday that among arms seized were surface-to-air missiles and many heavy weapons which were awaiting shipment to the shores of Sri Lanka.
The long-range 50mm guns fitted to our boats have been taken," he said. "This means there is no protection on the sea for us any more."
The raids follow hard on the heels of last week's refusal by the militant groups to accept the peace proposals offered by the Sri Lankan Government of President Jayewardene.
The Indian Government of Mr Rajiv Gandhi has, with the assistance, or at least acquiescence, of the Western friends of Sri Lanka, been bringing pressure on the Jayewardene Government to improve its offer to the Tamils.
The new agreement, hammered out in a series of meetings with the more moderate politicians of the Tamil United Liberation Front, a distinct improvement on what has been suggested before.
The Indian Government is accordingly annoyed that they should be turned down out of hand by the militants operating from within its shores.
Though police activity is a state subject, informed sources reported yesterday that the raids were carried out with the knowledge and at least the tacit understanding of the central Government.
The immediate excuse for the raids was a shooting incident during Diwali, the principal Hindu religious festival, last weekend. A group of Tamil militants brought out their AK47s when they felt threatened by a local dispute and an Indian was killed.
The raids will certainly ease the course of discussions next weekend when Mr Gandhi and Mr Jayewardene meet in Bangalore for the second summit meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation.
In Colombo, Mr Lalith Athulathudeni, the Minister for National Security, welcomed the Tamil Nadu crackdown. He said that the Indian leadership had now begun to isolate the guerrillas and that Colombo would continue to seek a political solution to the conflict.
At the same time there have been reports of a serious build-up of forces in the northern peninsula of Jaffna, in preparation for what is said by some reports to be a renewed attempt to win back control of the region from the rebels.

Naughty but nicely done

"Not all fairy-tales begin 'Once upon a time'," glottal-stopped the caddy Cilla Black, "but 'Darling, I'll be late tonight.'" Based on America's Dating Game, and lit incidentally by Bryan Love, Blind Date (LWT) must be the most immanently enjoyable show around. Perched like heroes, three girls and their three boys sit answering questions delivered from behind a screen by the possible embodiment of their dreams. All four have signed contracts that they are not married or engaged. Because they can't answer these questions, all four are relaxed and unembarrassed - though their grim stretch towards the painful.
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Staging the Self National Portrait Gallery

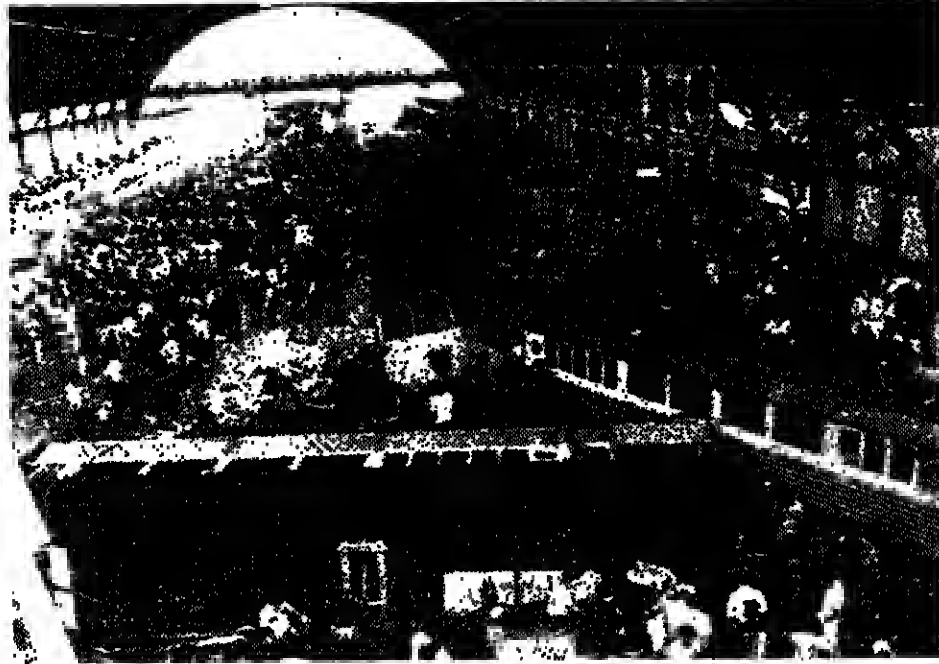
Baudelaire was convinced that photography was the greatest gift ever to narcissists, meaning that their face could be writ at last on something a little more permanent than water. Not, of course, that it would necessarily be their real face, for even in Baudelaire's time it was alleged objectivity of the photograph was an illusion, the photographer photographing what he saw rather than what was there. And certainly the National Portrait Gallery's new show of self-portrait photography, Staging the Self (until January 11), seems to tell us practically everything we could want to know about the photographers except what they "really" looked like.
Maybe reality is in the eye of the beholder, but the beholder whose eye it is least likely to be in is the self-portrayer. In this show we have dreams and nightmares, disguises, equivalents, bestialifications and dignifications, free-wheeling surrealist commentaries and, most deceptive of all, "unsparring", unadorned portraits which bust a lens to show every wart and blemish, when everyone knows that passport photographs are the last place one would look for the truth, or even an acceptable simulacrum.
It is irresistible to speculate on motivation. What kind of discreet megalomania drove Frederick Holland Day to reenact the life and crucifixion of Christ with himself in the principal role? Hippolyte Bayard's depiction of himself, nude, as a drowned man might just be owing to the



A touch of popular Surrealism: John Gutman puts his head in his mouth in S-p Death Trap (1936)

shortage of models for this kind of academic fancy-picture. But surely Steichen's self-portrait with palette and brush, deliberately aping famous painterly self-portraits of the past, must be implicitly claiming (though in a bizarrely roundabout way) some sort of artistic equality for the photographer?
Others seem to have had disguise in mind: Cecil Beaton's early self-portrait is the artist as a young aesthete, but how seriously can we take the intimations of mortality in the 1936 self-portrait with a skull (not to mention a mask and other kinds of party rig)? A number of the earlier women photographers liked dressing up as men, and there seem to be one or two later men who liked dressing up as women. Several had the notion - a technical challenge, perhaps - of showing themselves multiplied round a table. John Gutman had in 1936 (a good year, evidently, for popular Surrealism) the odd idea of locating his whole head inside his own gaping mouth. And so it goes on.
This is not a show from which it is easy to draw coherent conclusions. But it is highly entertaining, provided you abandon at the outset any idea of encountering the real truth.
John Russell Taylor

Sabotage fear in Thai rail crash



Runaway railway engines lying on the platform of Bangkok's Hualumpung main railway station, where they crashed at the weekend killing seven people. Saboteurs may have sent the six driverless diesel locomotives crashing through the buffers, Mr Banhan Silapa-Archa, the Communications Minister, said yesterday (Neil Kelly writes from Bangkok).
But railway officials said they believed negligence by mechanics was responsible.
The runaway engines had been linked together in a siding after undergoing repairs. Mechanics working on them went away to collect tools, apparently leaving one with its engine running and brakes off. When it began moving and pulling the other five, railmen chased after them but the train quickly gathered speed and headed for the city's main terminals.

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The problem of pacing

The Seagull
Palace, Watford

Of late, revivals of *The Seagull* have been growing increasingly decorative, from the Royal Court's Irish big house setting to last year's shimmering and impressionist tableaux at the Lyric, Hammersmith. It comes as quite a shock, at the outset of Patrick Mason's production, to see Masha drawing a traverse curtain on a stage that simply opens up on two more traverse curtains with no sight of moonlit waters. For once, the "spells worked by the lake" (in the phrase of Michael Frayn's new translation) reside simply in the words and actions of the characters.

In keeping with these austere surroundings, the first scenes get straight down to business, wasting no time over atmosphere. Basic relationships are clearly notched up. Masha has no time for the schoolmaster and longs to be in Nina's shoes. Nina, likewise, is merely playing along with Konstantin for the sake of his glamorous family attachments. It is all very clear-cut, but once the ground rules have been laid down the production comes to life as the fixed relationships are thrown into new configurations.

As Frayn puts it in his programme note, here is a drama of two writers, both powerless to comprehend the life they are experiencing. Lorcan Cranitch's Konstantin, spitting out his lines in habitual frustration, is clearly blind to everything except his own predicament. Paul Shelley's Trigorin is equally in-



Struggling to find emotional resources: Paul Shelley, Irina Brook

ulated from everything except work and appetite.

As they, and the surrounding egotists, reveal themselves, the Chekhovian music gets under way: a complex pattern of thwarted desire, imperfect affections and anger bursting like a summer storm.

The pattern builds to a thrilling climax in the third act with Arkadina's successive conquests of Konstantin and Trigorin, whom she vanquishes by sliding to the floor and prostrating herself before him; and then rises with the brisk announcement that she has won again. This, alas, is the high point of the show. It is

followed by an interval, leaving the final act as a sadly flat epilogue. The lesson is that Chekhov production depends above all on pacing.

The Watford company includes some veteran Chekhovians: notably Anthony Brown, whose Sorin projects the porcine smugness of the State Councillor as well as his senile hunger for experience; and Denis Hawthorne, whose Dorn is sheer elegiac music whenever he speaks. Alongside these, however, Mr Shelley's Trigorin progressively loses interest throughout the evening; while Irina Brook finds no emotional

resources for Nina in the last act.

One mainsay throughout the production is Miss Scates's Arkadina, a brusque businesslike presence, every inch the star performer on holiday, who, at the most unexpected moments, reveals sources of Slavic passion and personal affection totally at odds with her professional mask. The finale may be a disappointment but not the last sight of Miss Scates, cheerfully whistling a French tune at the loutable while Trigorin delays the moment of breaking the news of her son's death.

Irving Wardle

Articulations of mesmerizing power

L'Homme gris
Petit Marigny

It takes courage and creative conviction to bring the lights up on a set as depressing as Jean-Claude de Benel's design for *L'Homme gris* by the young French-Canadian playwright Marie Laberge - a courage that must be applauded. The curtain of monotonous rain at the only window of a room in a cheap motel, the unrelieved drabness of the decoration, the cramped sparseness of two sexless single beds, armchair, low table and ubiquitous television set, are a succinct visual prologue to this modern tragedy, which shreds the conventional family ties between a father and daughter until they degenerate into murder.

On the pretext that his wife has had a heart-attack, a middle-aged man (Claude Piéplu) abducts his 20-year-old married daughter (Hélène Lapiower) following reports that she is a battered wife. Instead of returning directly to the parental home he chooses to spend the night at a motel, so that they can talk on neutral ground. With the stealth of a knowing tom-cat, Laberge, aided by the perfectly attuned direction of Gabriel Garran, begins by amusing us with purring banalities.

The first-footing rituals of arriving in a

strange motel are observed. The bathroom is checked out. Is it a colour television? What are the beds like? A string of normalities is skilfully payed out, interwoven with almost subliminal clues that this is no ordinary family drama. The father drinks more than he should and the look in the daughter's eyes disturbs. There is a sinister undercurrent in the father's emotionally stifling concern for his daughter's well-being. Suddenly, the innocuous front drops and concern turns into a family autopsy, the father wielding the sharp scalpel of language with a practised dexterity, the daughter protecting herself inside an analgesic silence.

Each slicing sentence serves to construct a horrifying picture: the father's own childhood - restricted and shamed by an alcoholic mother, his escape into an unhappy, now sexless marriage, an adoration of his "little girl" which smacks of unconsummated incest - a veritable can of worms which have eaten their way into his daughter's life, until she is a mute anorexic.

For, such is the fluidity of the direction and the total absorption of Piéplu into the character of the father and Lapiower into that of the daughter, it is some time before one is fully aware the play is, in reality, a monologue. The daughter's silence is broken only once or twice, when her inhuman, tortured artic-

ulations cross the auditorium of the intimate Petit Marigny theatre with an electric force.

Despite the nightmare quality of the text, the characters are always believable: partly because Laberge is over-whelmed by the beings she has created, and partly because of the controlled realism of Garran's direction. A mastery use of accentuated everyday sounds and an unpretentious use of special effects successfully lead the action towards its murderous end. Although not a thriller in the true sense, the closing moments of the play are so gripping, so unexpected, that to reveal them would certainly be a crime.

Piéplu, an actor whose singular talent has until very recently been submerged in what he calls "rôles de garniture", brings to the father the necessary underlying pathos of a man who has missed out on life. Lapiower's performance is mesmerizing. By facial expression and gesture alone she turns the father's monologue into a genuine dialogue.

The play was premiered last year to the author's home town of Quebec. It runs in Paris under the auspices of the recently-founded Théâtre International de Langue Française, which is headed by Gabriel Garran.

Diane Hill

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It is not at all clear why, in these days of such widespread creativity, York Höller has been singled out for special favour by the BBC, who have presented half a dozen of his works during the last three or four years. He clearly has a superb orchestral technique, and he uses his preferred medium of orchestra plus tape with admirable control, but when he comes near words, as he did in *Black Penitents* a couple of years ago and again in *Dreamplay* on Friday night, the lamentable result suggests a shallowness of intention.

Possibly that impression will be overturned by his opera on Bulgakov's *The Master and Margarita*, which will apparently complete a trilogy begun in the other works; but we are not moving in the right direction. *Black Penitents* billed itself off at a relatively late

stage by a burst of recorded poetic recitation; *Dreamplay* works the same trick at the outset, and far more crossly, with a mystic dialogue between the divine Indra on tape and his daughter on the platform. The *Dreamland* may be Strindberg's, but the portentousness is Stockhausen's, without the fierce newness of vision that gives Stockhausen the ability to reinvent the world and get away with it. The later stages of the 25-minute work included two exuberant orchestral interludes and two songs, or rather chants, which showed off Phyllis Bryn-Julson's winging ethereality but in their vocal and electronic invention paled utterly beside one's memories of Birtwistle's *Orpheus*.

Miss Bryn-Julson was also an ecstatic soloist, along with a closely sensitive Linda Finnie, a conspiratorial Stegfried Jerusalem and a strong-voiced quartet of Westminster Cathedral boys. In Mahler's *Das klagende Lied*. Both here, and in Webern's *Six Pieces* at the start of the concert, Lathar Zagrosek brought expressive gestures into an almost naked exposure.

Paul Griffiths

RPO/Menuhin
Festival Hall

It was a night of broad gestures and general urbanity, rather than intimate insights into the soul. For Handel's *Fireworks Music* and Mendelssohn's essentially sunny *First Piano Concerto*, such an approach is entirely sufficient. But it was slightly disappointing that Sir Yehudi Menuhin's interpretation of Vaughan Williams's *A London Symphony*, though enjoyably delivered by the RPO, took so neutral a stance in emotional matters.

The "Blossomtime" Lento was fine, played very slowly with plenty of lush string tone, and the first movement's forte passages rang out awesomely. The hits in between, however - and they are rather substantial hits - were too often left to meander along. The Scherzo's hustling string lines were not pointed enough, and its final mysterious disintegration into sombre, low chords was made to sound rather matter-of-fact. And to the finale's crushing climax Menuhin took the obvious option, letting the brass and tam-tam carry all before them so the nub of the tragedy - the anguished violin line - remained dissonantly against the harmony - passed almost unheard.

There was certainly nothing passing unheard in the *Fireworks Music*. One expects pomp and pugnaciousness in the *Overture* and "La Réjouissance", but Menuhin's heavy-weight swagger through the *Menuet I* was a startling innovation.

Justus Frantz's playing in the Mendelssohn concerto provided a happy contrast: classically poised and dignified in the Andante; properly *cor fiero* in the first movement; and skimming nimbly through the finale's jolly passagework. He never over-loaded this delightful score with an expressive weight its substance could not bear.

Richard Morrison

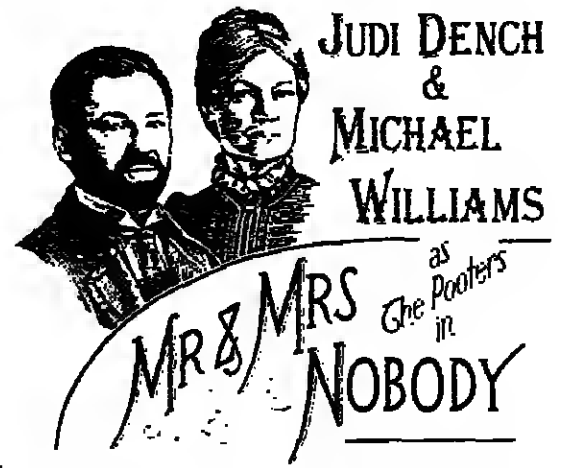
Walker/Vignoles
Wigmore Hall

"At least you won't need surtitles", pondered the Calman character, wandering past the billboard for a programme of English song at the Wigmore Hall. The cartoon decorating the front of the programme for Sarah Walker's recital said it all. And we did not need sheets of words either, such is the power to compel within Miss Walker's command of line and language, and such is the liveliness of her renowned double act with Roger Vignoles. Being Walker and being Vignoles this was, of course, no formula evening. Not a note of Finzi, Butterworth or Moeran, and a long trail of echoes which included a breathtakingly serious "Fairies at the Bonom of the Garden" as well as the Dankworth/Milligan apologetic for English tea.

Sarah Walker had made her audience earn their fun. Until this point, the recital had been characterized by an unremitting, if not unvaried, gravitas. The first half was dominated by Nicholas Maw's 1966 song-cycle *The Voice of Love*, 20 minutes of reflection, remorse and rejoicing assembled by Peter Porter from the correspondence of two 17th-century lovers. Voice and piano tuned in minutely to their fluctuating moods, now passionately immediate, now retrospective. They created a sense of arching space and time, marked by the intensity of the recurring question "Shall we ever be so happy?".

The work was balanced after the interval by an hypothetically timed performance of Joseph Horowitz's *Lady Macbeth* scene. This was framed by Britten's *Charm of Lullabies* and his Auden Cabaret Songs, each in their own way hovering most poignantly between fear and comfort, mirth and menace.

Hilary Finch



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THE THIN BLUE LINE

Britain's police are facing their biggest conflict for a century. Riots, strikes and rising street crime have combined to pose an unprecedented challenge to their

image and methods. In the first of a five-part series, Brian James samples life on one of London's toughest beats

Part 1: Policing the crisis

To question whether Britain has the police force it needs is to beg another, larger issue: do Britain's police get the public they deserve? It is a thought that is to occur frequently during a day and a night spent on a busy police division, observing the reaction on the edge where the keepers meet the kept.

Battersea in south London was chosen because it was a micro-world of policing problems. The division's new officer in command, Chief Superintendent John O'Connor, enthused us around with the enthusiasm of a new occupier who hopes to sell the place, after improvements, at a profit. The Battersea Division spreads south from the Thames to the edge of Clapham Common. It is famous, fairly, for its dogs' home, its helipad, and its power station (soon to be a leisure mega-centre); infamous for the largest proportion of high-rise homes in Europe; and it generates the third highest rate of telephone calls for help in Britain.

The Tory-controlled (by one vote) authority points with pride to blocks filled with squatters three years ago which now have owners happy to pay up to £50,000. Chief Supt O'Connor approves of this marching gentrification, but gently points out a consequence.

"We have 180,000 flats on the park with tenants who leave £25,000 cars on the street. A man who had his

BMW ripped off three times was not amused when a PC advised him to switch to a Skoda and leave it with its doors unlocked. But the PC was only being realistic."

Street crime, robbery, and mugging at Battersea is Chief Supt. O'Connor's first priority. "It is opportunist crime — not committed by some criminal mastermind, but a bit wanting money for chicken and chips. A £10 'touch' is a good result. It is a minority, maybe a few dozen involved, but it is making life unbearable for the majority. And it is going to be stopped."

"Look, let's not dance about the words. Of course there are racial tensions here. Most of the people living on these horrible estates are black. Most of those blacks are honest, innocent people. Many of the blacks are victims. But if it is realistic, not racist, to insist most blacks are decent, then it is also realistic, not racist, to record that most of the crimes in these black-occupied streets are committed by young blacks.

"It is clear we can't afford to offend a single decent black person by being rude or insensitive. One shove can turn a whole family; we can't afford fewer friends. And having said that on my men, I have them to tell them I won't tolerate 'softy-softy' being used to excuse inefficiency, standing by doing nothing."

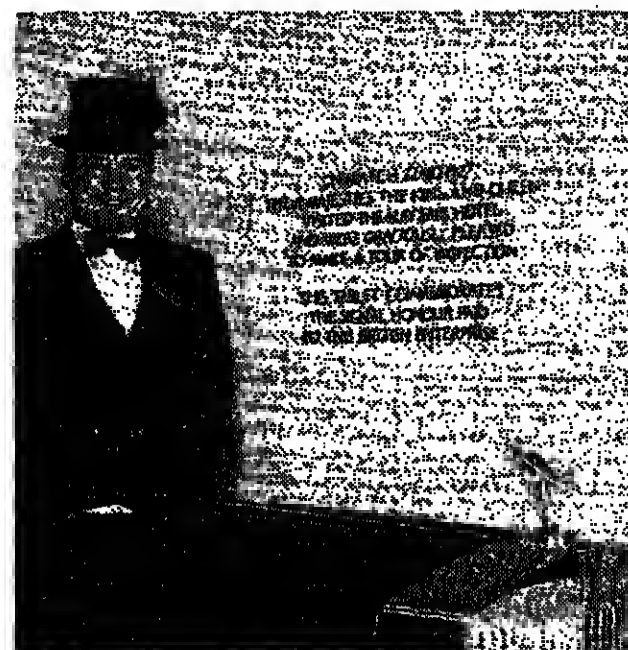
"How do his men balance those two competing imperatives? 'Better go out in the cars and ask them.'"

BATTERSEA'S FRONT LINE

Battersea division of the Metropolitan Police covers four square miles of south London and includes 64,495 inhabitants. It is policed by 181 constables, 29 sergeants, eight inspectors, 29 CID officers, two chief inspectors, one superintendent, a chief superintendent — 251 policemen in all.

	1985	1986*
Street crimes (defined as theft from a person)	683	816
Burglaries (residential only; includes aggravated burglary)	1481	1207
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Whisky One's crew: PC Ian McKella, 25, left, and PC Mark Thompson, 27 — "It's not unknown for an engine block or old TV to be dropped on a Panda for a bit of a giggle..."

Police constable Chris Sawyer pointed out a corner of an estate that had been impervious for three days during a little-known echo of the Brixton Riots in 1981. "We are better organized now. They couldn't keep us out. Don't need water cannon, plastic bullets, just usual methods, firmly applied."

"Were there still no-go areas?" "Absolutely not. But there are no-go areas. By that I mean in the toughest places, the Dod (that's the Dodington flats estate), people don't get nicked for having a noisy party. For parking on the pavement. For dropping litter. It's hard to say where I draw the line; depends on the circumstances, the day, the time, the weather. And, of course, the offence. You'd never hesitate for rape or murder, armed robbery, stuff like that. But a reported theft... well, you'd wait for cover to arrive. Weigh it up."

Weigh it up. It was a phrase and a thought repeated many times in the area car during the hours of dusk and darkness. Between high-speed dashes with Whisky One's crew, PC Mark Thompson, 27, and PC Ian McKella, 25, there was often time to talk, and to sit taking in the others said in the catenets and corridors of the division.

A call: to an adult education

centre. A woman has had her bracelet snatched. She, through hysterics, puts a £1,000 value on it; 'silly bitch', someone mutters. The assailant is described. Six feet plus, broad, jeans, trainers, tank top. A man, 5'7", slight, bespectacled, gets into the car. He describes how he hit the mugger and chased him 60 yards before losing him on the edge of the Dodington. We tour the area for 15 minutes. Hopelessly. The witness is set down amid thanks. "Lotta bottle," says Ian McKella. "Very rare."

As we cruised "the Dod", both officers kept craning their heads up to where footways crossed the road, six floors up. "Not unknown," said PC Thompson, "for an engine block or old TV to be dropped on a Panda. Worse in summer, they wait out there for you to come along. Bit of a giggle." All that came this time were cat-calls.

A call: back to a street we'd left five minutes earlier. Inside a house a woman lies on the stairs, screaming in pain. Up for the day from Dorset, she had clung on when a man snatched her bag. Her arm is hideously broken. Her Slavic daughter, white-lipped, says she wishes the police had guns and would swoop through the estate at the end of the road where the assailant had run. A little man comes down from a

top floor on the estate. He'd been watching through binoculars; gives a description. We circle the flats looking for a "thin black youth, dark clothes". Nothing.

Time out for canteen tea. Another policeman is speaking of another place, another time. "I chased this guy, right. Lots of lights, all the noise. Right into an estate. Got him out of his car, then there's 30 guys around me. He dives in among them, they won't let me take him out. We pull out, call for help. Then we slide back in. The guy's now taking a box out of the car. I KNOW it's drugs, pot. But the crowd's got bigger now, and the guy'nor says 'Forget it. Pull out.'"

"That was months ago. And it still gripes me." At midnight, PCs McKenna and Thompson leave the station. They finish writing up the night's activity. They would be back on duty at 7am. The car is taken over by PC Steve Hayler, 26, and WPC Denise Morrison, a tiny 20-year-old. You are about to ask if she's up to this tough life, when her radio interrupts:

A call: three black youths breaking into a second floor flat on an estate. Whisky One is barely 200 yards away. WPC Morrison is first through the door, and heads for the lift as PC Hayler sprints up the

stairs. The lift door opens, a black youth, tall and strong, emerges. "Please wait here, sir," says the WPC. He starts to protest, he's been visiting a cousin on the seventh floor. "We'll check that. Meanwhile please wait." She steps firmly in front of him as he tries to go by. The door opens, six more officers pour in. It turns out to be an attempted take-over by squatters. PC Hayler arranges for a new lock. The youth is cleared and sent away with apologies. But what if he had refused to wait? "I'd have made him wait," says WPC Morrison.

Crising before the next message, she insists: "The shakers come after." Even if it's just hope it is not a dead body, can't stand bodies. Not much else worries me." Knowing that there are going to be half a dozen big bodies banging through the door in a few seconds helps. But the radio air is full of appeals, what if one day the back-ups are all busy? "Ah, there's the one thing we don't like to think about."

A call: woman reports she has been threatened by two men with knives, demanding money. She is at a telephone box, shivering with fright. The story she tells is incredible.

Two men broke into the flat she shares the previous night, stole £50, and came back tonight demanding another £200. She escaped from a bedroom window while her flatmate tended the barricades. After a fruitless search of the high-rise estate, a PC deplores: "Prostitutes, I'd say. No pimps, so a couple of the lads decided they'd like a piece of the business. Seedy, yeah. But whatever you think about prosies, they are women with a right not to have people busting in with knives. We'll give it to CID to watch."

Steve Hayler wonders if they are recruiting the right stuff. He was in a carrier (police van) recently. Subject of education came up. Seems of the 12 men, 10 had degrees — history, sociology, geography and such. "I am not against education. I just wonder if they have the right attitude. They may have joined because it is a well-paid job whereas when I came in you just had to want to DO it."

More calls: to a noisy drunk, to a faulty alarm, to a suspicious noise in a garden. To a disturbance in a late-night "chippie", and then to a call "Woman screaming for help". She gets the full service. Whisky One is first, a van, two more cars and a mobile inspector arrive within seconds.

Whisky One's reward is to be alternately patronized and abused by a well-bred young woman who couldn't remember whether she was living with her mother or her husband, had no handbag, and couldn't recall either banging on a door, or the man in the Rasta hat who'd left her hurriedly. "Just deal with me, OK. You spell that D E A L and M E, OK?" They check that there is someone at the other end to pay the fare, and put her in a cab. She remembers, just, to shout "Thanks!"

For the 251 officers and men of Battersea division it had been a quietish 24 hours which left them neither depressed at the seediness of most of what they saw, nor put out by the attitude of the public they served, which varied from the fawning "Thanks for coming" to the frequent silent, baleful stare.

It is not success that keeps them going. The clear-up rate for robberies in undermanned Battersea is just 4 per cent.

TOMORROW

The men in power: who controls the police?

'Police are all too often a target of those frustrated by society'

James Anderson, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, wrote this in his annual report: "The figure for long-term unemployment among the crime-prone younger groups in the worst affected parts of the conurbation ranges from 50 per cent to a staggering 80 per cent or more. Policing certainly has to be wise, caring and sensible in these distinctive localities where almost the entire population is out of work and living on social security."

The Chief Constable of the West Midlands, Geoffrey Dear, wrote in his report: "Surrounded by massive social deprivation and the results of inadequate housing, unsuccessful education, mass unemployment and racial discrimination, the police are too often seen as the only readily identifiable representatives of local or central government, and can become the target for those frustrated by the state of their society as a whole."

The words of these two men are echoed in the annual reports of chief constables up and down the land, from South Wales to South Yorkshire. The tone is one of frustration, rather than despair — frustration over the inadequacy of their resources, frustration at their estrangement from the communities they serve and frustration that the police are bearing the brunt of society's contemporary deprivation.

The readiness displayed in the reports to attribute rising crime rates to social causes contrasts strongly with the police force's own values of self-help and self-reliance. These values, like other aspects of the force's traditional role, are being steadily eroded by the Government's increasing reliance on the police as the sole guardians of law and order.

THE POLICE



Dear: bearing the brunt

Colin Smith, the Thames Valley's Chief Constable, reported: "The burden now carried by my officers is so great that the incidence of stress-related illness and general pressures is so high that their performance is suffering." One of these pressures is the physical danger which has become an increasing part of modern policing. In particular there is a feeling that the bobby-on-the-beat is becoming increasingly vulnerable.

David East, Chief Constable of South Wales, wrote of his deep concern about violent attacks. "On Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings alone, no fewer than 265 officers have received injuries when carrying out relatively mundane and routine arrests. These assaults have occurred throughout the force area and without any particular pattern."

Although the need for police to protect themselves is recognized, there is also concern that British police do not follow the American example towards greater dependence on firearms. Mr Owen Kelly, Police Commissioner for the City of London, wrote: "It is regrettably necessary for us to

have a greater proportion of our officers trained in the use of firearms than any other force. Even though the need for this is clearly demonstrated by the current levels of terrorist activity, I am conscious of public sensitivity about the use of armed police, and with that in mind, I have set in motion a review to ascertain whether the numbers we have firearms-trained are at the right level."

Extra resources are singled out as the key to solving the police force's many problems. Andrew Sloan, Chief Constable of Strathclyde, reported: "Every area of the budget within my control has been pared to the minimum and financial cuts have an immediate influence on the effectiveness of the force."

Hugh Macmillan, Chief Constable of Northern Constabulary, wrote: "The immediate results of increased resources: 'I increased temporarily the small dedicated Drugs Squad to five officers and this had a dramatic effect within months, resulting in an increase in charges from 296 to 462.' But he said that he remained sceptical about his prospects of containing the problems of increasing drug misuse.

Despite fears that their work has been made more difficult by their rule in recent "political disputes", some chief constables remain optimistic. Peter Wright, Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, wrote after the miners' dispute: "... There has been a surprisingly rapid return to the policing situations which prevailed prior to the start of the dispute... Individual problems have occurred, but in the mining areas in general, particular or persistent difficulties have been encountered."

Peter Evans

'The policing style has changed from Dixon to Darth Vader'

Doctor Robert Reiner, a law lecturer at Bristol University, says that hostility to police is as old as the force itself. He compares last October's Broadwater Farm incident in which Police Constable Blakecock was killed by rioters with a similar happening in 1883. Four years after the police force was established, a riot occurred at Coldbath Fields during a meeting of the National Political Union. PC Culley was killed and an inquest returned a verdict of "justifiable homicide". Blakecock was the first policeman to be killed during a riot since Culley.

Dr Reiner says: "The problems which the police face now are greater than they have been for the past 150 years. The urban riots which have taken place since 1979 represent the re-emergence of a hostility towards the police from certain sections of the working class which has been contained for a century."

He says it is also disturbing that the police force's image is changing. "The police are in danger of losing the image that has been carefully constructed over the past 150 years and which forms the foundation stone of the public's support for them. Over the last few years the style of policing public order has been transformed from the image of Dixon to Darth Vader."

He has been studying the police for ten years and his book, *The Politics of the Police* (Wheatshaf Books), received much critical acclaim when it was published last year. The book minimizes the importance of the racial aspect of urban disorder. Dr Reiner believes that the hostility from the young West Indian community towards police stems from their underdog

THE ACADEMIC



Dr Reiner: disturbing report

status and not from the colour of their skin. "When the first wave of immigrants entered this country they settled into British society extremely quickly, and became some of the most law-abiding citizens in the country. The rioting of the past few years has nothing to do with West Indian cultural tra-

ditions or the absence of any natural source of authority in West Indian communities. It stems from the abnormally high levels of unemployment among young blacks and their inability to gain access into British society."

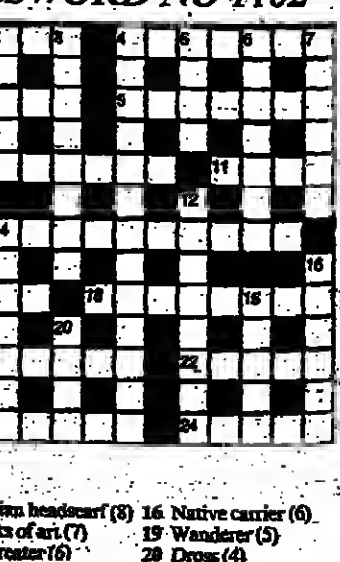
That socio-economic factors create an atmosphere in which nerves are frayed and temperatures are high does not in the least diminish the guilt of those responsible for violence, he says. "I wasn't trying to excuse the killers of PC Blakecock. Those responsible should be punished."

Just as his thesis plays down the racial background of the rioters, it also qualifies any accusations that police are racially prejudiced. "The police are no more prejudiced than other members of society. The police are right when they claim that no social group has done more than them to implement the charges recommended in the Scarman Report."

Toby Young

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Bring on the blue belles

The typical Tory matron used to be famous for her hats. But a new breed of successful young women are now becoming politically committed to the Conservatives, says Toby Young

Debbie Moore, the daughter of a Manchester plumber, left school at 15 with no O levels and barely a penny to her name. But 21 years later her company, Pineapple Studios, went public and she became a millionaire. Little wonder, then, that she has been selected to serve on the new Conservative Party Youth Committee.

Debbie Moore is hardly representative of the stereotype Tory woman. When she walked on to the floor of the Stock Exchange in November 1982, the assembled stockbrokers, rather than rise to greet her gracefully, began to wolf-whistle. While other Tory ladies were opening files in Kent, Debbie was filming the opening credit sequence for the James Bond film *Moonraker*.

Yet she is hardly "womanly" in her business activities. "People sometimes say to me that the terrible thing about being an employer must be when you have to sack someone. But I find it no problem."

Debbie Moore is only one of many "blue belles" who have come out for Mrs Thatcher. In the past five years a new breed of Conservative woman has been busily emerging from the beauty parlours, sports centres and dance studios of Britain...

"I respect the amount of work Mrs Thatcher has done," says Sharron Davies, the 23-year-old swimming champion. "She's worked 110 per cent for this country." Sharron was more than happy, therefore, to attend Mrs Thatcher's party to celebrate the 25th anniversary of her election to Finchley in 1984. "I went to Finchley because the work Mrs Thatcher has done in those years has done a lot of women a lot of good," claims Davies, who, at 13, was the youngest British competitor at the Montreal Olympic Games.

There is, of course, nothing new about Mrs Thatcher's interest in high achievers. Britain whereas in America the two have been walking hand in hand for decades. Jane Fonda campaigned openly for her husband, Democrat Tom Hayden, when he ran for the Senate in 1976, and Shirley Temple Black used to be the American ambassador to Ghana. But in Britain, until recently, the nearest equivalent was Vanessa Redgrave's involvement with the obscure Workers' Revolutionary Party.

What is new is her apparent conversion to the notion of women getting the party's message across. Cynics might suggest that she is alert to the fact that single-minded career women are much less likely to become embroiled in the kind of scandal in which some of her favourite men have recently found themselves. Debbie Moore, for example, claims: "I eat, sleep and breathe Pineapple and, quite honestly, there is no time for anything else."

Another advantage is that these women lend the Conservative Party an air of glamour which it has sadly lacked. By contrast, Neil Kinnock followed his 1984 appearance in a Tracy Ullman video on *Top of the Pops* by launching the "Red Wedge" collection of rock artists in June of last year and managed to attract the patronage of pop stars Billy Bragg, Paul Weller and Jerry Dammers, and bands like the Communards and the Style Council.

Labour polled a derisory 33 per cent of 18 to 24-year-old voters in 1983, while the Conservatives managed to attract 42 per cent. Since then, with the formation of "Red Wedge", the tables have been turned. The latest *Times*/MORI poll puts Labour's support at 49 per cent among the same age group with Conservatives trailing at 25 per cent. It is partly in response to this that the Youth Committee has been set up and the party's recruitment of these smart young women has begun.

"I do get the impression that they're trying to appeal to a younger generation," observes Suzanne Dando, the 23-year-old gymnast who was a guest of the Conservative Women's Conference last June. "The association between politics and female show business personalities is a relatively new phenomenon in



True blue Tories: top, gymnast Suzanne Dando; far left, Pineapple Studios' Debbie Moore; left, swimming champion Sharron Davies - "Mrs Thatcher has done a lot of women a lot of good"

This attitude reflects the lukewarm attitude of many British female stars, whether sports personalities or pop musicians, to the cut-throat world of modern politics. As Tessa Sanderson, the Olympic gold medalist, puts it: "I am totally apolitical. I really don't care who's running the country."

It only became clear that this attitude was beginning to change when, in June 1983, several prominent female personalities participated in the Conservative Party Youth Rally. Sharron Davies attended it with her then boyfriend, judo champion Neil Adams, and pop star Lysey de Paul composed and sang a song entitled "Tory, Tory, Tory".

One of the organizers of the Youth Rally was Bev Walker, the agent for the athletes Liz Hobbs and Donna Murray as well as for Dando and Davies. "My view," says Walker, "is that they are fairly typical capitalists in their outlook. They are self-employed women who generate a substantial independent income. They are working to create their own futures and they recognize that they'll prosper more under a Conservative government than any other."

Walker has already been approached by the Youth Committee with a view to organizing another Youth Rally before the next election. He hopes to bring out the same group of female stars he managed to get in 1983, as well as some new faces. "I'd be happy to co-operate and I think it's a marvellous way of bringing the Conservative message to the young," he says.

Dolphin for a midwife

Bored with that old delivery room? Try a new Russian method of giving birth - swimming at sea, surrounded by friendly dolphins



Dr Charkovsky is no novice to aquatic experiments. In the 1960s he began to condition cats, rabbits and pigs to give birth under water. He even trained chickens to swim. He established that land animals born in water and then accustomed to this habitat turned out to be stronger and more intelligent than their non-swimming cousins and had a considerably longer lifespan.

As a result of his research on human water birth, he now believes that children born under water are less aggressive and more altruistic. Furthermore, he says, if expectant mothers swim a great deal as part of their prenatal exercises, their pelvis and hip ligaments and muscles become more elastic which makes it easier for the foetus

could befriend babies in the womb. He found that mothers' stomachs appeared to be "transparent" to the dolphins' sensitive sonar systems (which are being studied by anti-submarine warfare establishments in the United States), enabling them to "see" the foetuses.

Dr Charkovsky now says that it appears to be possible for a dolphin somehow to transmit its knowledge of the sea to an unborn child, encouraging it not to fear water. He says there is a definite rapport between humans and dolphins, who often seek out swimmers in the sea without being prompted. His experiments also show that dolphins have a calming influence on expectant mothers who are scared of swimming. And all the mothers in his tests confirmed that "childbirth in the sea was less painful in the presence of dolphins".

Further experiments showed that the female dolphins particularly were most interested in childbirth. "They would surround a woman in labour," Dr Charkovsky reports, "sending out sonar signals. If the newborn baby remained submerged for too long, they would push it out of the water with their noses. Incidentally, they treat their own young the same way."

Dr Charkovsky has also described a so-far inexplicable link between dolphins and his waterbabies. When he swam with his young charges, dolphins could apparently sense whether, unbeknown to the doctor, a child became frightened. The dolphins would push the doctor aside and prevent the child from getting into difficulties.

As the argument in the West continues between supporters of natural birth and those who favour what a German gynaecologist recently condemned as an "increasingly bio-technically controlled event", Dr Charkovsky's evidence, preliminary though it is, is being greeted with growing interest in the USSR.

He has this advice for expectant mothers who are unable to swim in the Black Sea with friendly dolphins, and those prejudiced against exchanging the delivery room for a marine environment: "Try to imagine that you are swimming with dolphins in a warm caressing sea." He is sure that such thoughts will help make any birth a happier event.

Happiness is sloppiness

My friend Susan and I watched a spider starting yet another web running north-south from ceiling to sofa and, lacking the energy to fetch a broom, dreamt up a brilliant publishing concept.

The venture is to be called *Bad Housekeeping* and is for women who are tired of reading about those other women who curl tomato skins into decorative roses and conceal their washing-machines in 18th-century armoires.

Magazines in which these perfectionists are interviewed and photographed against a background of their own domestic bliss leave you feeling bad for not arranging your sheets in a colour-coded system in the airing cupboard. Our magazine will feature people who are even sloppier than you.

I shall do an in-depth interview with a relative to find out why, Sunday after Sunday, she brews up some pretty poisonous-looking chicken soup and then, ironically absent-minded as she is, stuns it straight down the sink. She is also given to steaming vegetables in a plastic colander so that what you get on your plate is cabbage and spaghetti-like strands of blue plastic.

There will be before and after pictures of Susan's sister's bison studio apartment. The "before" shot will show the elapated-out divan and packing-cases with which the owner lived unconcernedly for several years and the "after" one will depict the same room filled with the five-piece suite of massive art deco furniture which some madnes prompted her to buy.

Our advice columns will concern themselves with real problems. None of this dyeing-your-lace-curtains-in-cold-tea-to-give-them-a-charming-champagne-hue stuff. Bad housekeepers don't have lace curtains. Their curtains auto-destructed long ago from a combination of dirt and the cat using them as a climbing-frame.

We will offer comfort to those who put their thinly-forged forks in Silver Dip and forget to take them out for three days. We will try to discover ways of taking the contents out of an un-defrosted freezer when every fish finger is embedded in ice.



PENNY PERRICK

We will formulate a set of rules for bad housekeepers: ● They should never live in the suburbs. Since they are always running out of basic necessities like bread, milk and husbands, they need to be in an inner-city area where replacements are always available. Also, most other suburbanites actually feel uplifted when they have cleaned all the knobs on the oven with an old toothbrush and this can make

a bad housekeeper feel all alone in the world. ● They should resist the urge to become collectors. A collection of prime-encrusted Victorian shell boxes is not a pretty sight, but a bad housekeeper will glare at it for hours rather than get to work with a damp cloth.

● They should become a successful writer, brain surgeon or politician. A bad housekeeper who doesn't excel at anything, as well as not excelling at keeping coffee-rings off the dining-room table, is just a slut. But a bad housekeeper who has another interest is an admirable person who has her mind on higher things.

It is time for another report on the Earl's Court restaurant scene. Froshers, with its grey and pink stippled decor and its menu which included "Orchestra of fish" is no more - Earl's Court residents turned out to be not up to the sophisticated of it all. The local Chinese place has taken over the premises, which is just as well, as its former quarters were much too small for all those who craved nightly fixes of butterfly prawns.

The most intriguing change is at one of the neighbourhood's oldest restaurants, the Star of India, which now has an exquisite young owner called Reza who has transformed the place with a tented ceiling, painted-on Dovic pillars and chintz-covered chairs. He hasn't changed the menu, though, so still manages to attract the old regulars - and the recently-moved-in gentry. The other night one of the customers was actually called Caroline.

From Caroline J. McElwee, *Sreepham Hill, London SW16*

TALKBACK

I refer to Clare Dyer's article on human embryo research (Monday Page, November 3). Over the past 100 years the advances in the fields of medicine and surgery have been stupendous. A current medical text discovered 100 years ago would have been looked upon as purely science fiction. In some ways, it is. That, I think, is the fear of those people currently opposing the legalization of em-

broionic research and experimentation. A vivid imagination is a good thing but one has to put such imaginings and possibilities into perspective. Yes, there is a possibility that such research and experimentation could be misused and exploited, but would legalization preclude such actions? Making embryonic research illegal will encourage malpractice and create a consumer market

where codes of conduct have little chance of survival. The advantages of legalization must surely outweigh the disadvantages, in that increased knowledge of the nature and development of the embryo can lead only to a lower rate of crippling disease in children. The furtherance of research into "test-tube" insemination and childbirth is almost an added bonus, but it is a very important aspect of embryonic research to those couples who are unable to conceive children in the usual way.

In an exclusive Christmas present to *Times* readers, one of the West End's best known stores is opening its doors for a unique evening's shopping



Liberty from the crowds

Queen Mary rode from Buckingham Palace to buy jewellery there, Edith Sitwell rarely purchased her fabrics anywhere else, and the staff remember Marlene Dietrich dropping in to buy scarves and shawls. Albert Liberty first opened the doors of his Regent Street emporium in 1875 and it has been drawing customers rich and regal ever since.

It has a particular attraction at Christmas. In 1876, Edward W. Godwin, an influential architect and designer of the time, wrote of an evening he spent when Liberty closed its doors to customers so that a select few could view its wares. His company included Lily Langtry, Ellen Terry, Dante Gabriel Rossetti and James McNeill Whistler. "I was free to pick my way from ground floor to attic," he wrote, "for No 218 Regent Street is from front to back and top to bottom literally crammed with objects of oriental manufacture."

This week *The Times*, in conjunction with Liberty, is offering its readers the opportunity to do as Godwin did - to spend an evening shopping for Christmas when the store is closed to the public. On Tuesday, December 2, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm, our readers are invited to shop and take part in a host of special activities at the Regent Street store, when *Times* experts - among them our fashion editor Suzy Menkes and *The Times* cook Shona Crawford Poole - will be on hand to answer questions on Christmas gifts and entertaining.

For those readers who are unable to come to London, Liberty stores throughout the country will similarly be opened exclusively for *Times* readers on the same day at the same time. The addresses are listed below.

Each store will feature a free draw, including, among other prizes, a £100 Liberty gift voucher. You will be welcomed with a glass of wine on arrival and a special Liberty gift. In addition, for every £50 you spend during the evening, Liberty will present you with a £5 gift voucher. Simply collect all your receipts from any department during the evening and hand them in at special collection points.

The London store draw also includes the following: a weekend for two in Bavaria from the German travel specialists DER, with a Liberty weekend case; an oriental carpet; a dress length of silk; a Liberty hamper of soaps and scents; a food hamper; Cobra and Bellamy jewellery; a 19th-century antique Chinese pot; a pair of crystal champagne glasses and a bottle of champagne; a Molton Brown make-up set; a Liberty print Varana wool shawl; and a Liberty print handbag. More details will be announced tomorrow, Wednesday and Friday.

How to take up our invitation: Cut out the voucher below and send it to Liberty Evening, *The Times*, PO Box 396, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 2XH by Wednesday November 19. Please be sure to indicate which branch you will visit. The branches are: Regent Street, London; New Bond Street, Bath; Trinity Street, Cambridge; Burgate, Canterbury; George Street, Edinburgh; Buchanan Street, Glasgow; King Street, Manchester; London Street, Norwich; Darygate, York.

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Secret Samaritans

When Michael Heseltine tried to link Westland with a European consortium early this year he was foiled by a number of anonymous investors who paid well over the odds for 20 per cent of the shares.

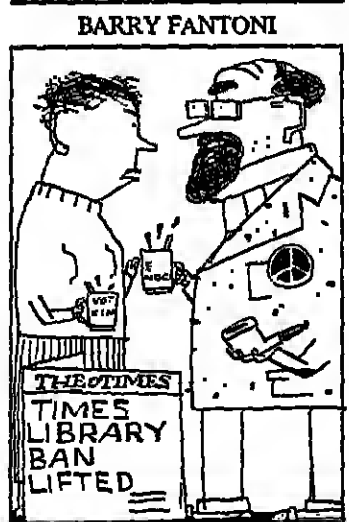
Turning point

The equal opportunities committee recently set up by Labour-controlled Hounslow council is so sensitive about offending its ethnic ratepayers that it has redefined the Commission for Racial Equality's racial groupings.

One Somerset cricket club supporter less than bowled over by the outcome of Saturday's meeting is the normally ebullient Sir William Rees-Mogg.

Receiving end

Employees of South Somerset District Council might be excused for getting an uneasy sensation that Big Brother is watching - or rather listening in.



Barry Fantoni

Out of bounds

I wonder whether Toby Jessel, after 16 years as Tory MP for Twickenham, is losing his sense of direction. The thought is prompted by his recent faux pas while speaking about health care in his constituency.

Double act

Like another of the greats, Joan Rivers, currently embroiled in a Stateside chat-show war with Johnny Carson, sometimes wants to be alone.

Noises off

Strange goings-on the other day in Mexico City's Rectorsur Sur jail during an occasion billed (inconveniently, I am sure) as the greatest social event in the nation's prisons for the past 20 years.

Why this U-turn in the skies?

by Nicholas Bethell

A British cabinet minister will today address one of our most important law making bodies and seek to persuade it towards a decision that will affect millions of people a year.

The body is the European Community's Council of Ministers, which is meeting under the chairmanship of John Moore, the Transport Secretary.

In fact, the more one hears about it - and one has to probe deeply in order to find out even a little - the more dangerous the plan appears and the more likely to delay rather than hasten the day

when we will be able to fly to the Continent at a reasonable price. Most of the 12 governments are, it seems, ready to allow some relaxation in some of their rigid rules.

There is also provision for airlines to operate routes on a more competitive basis than the previous 50/50 share out - 55/45 in the first two years and 60/40 in the third.

a system which Britain has publicly condemned as unlawful and to prejudice legal actions, including my own, currently before the courts in Britain and West Germany.

It would undermine the European Commission's investigations who are now awaiting replies from ten airlines which, they suggest, have for years been operating illegal tariff agreements.

Airlines would still be able to keep fares high by exploiting their monopoly. British Airways, for instance, has in the past raised its London-Paris flexible fare by 10.11 per cent, making it - at £98 for 209 miles - one of the most expensive in the world.

at cheaper rates, so providing competition.

How can one explain this sudden change of policy? The iniquity of the airline cartel has been a clarion cry of secretaries of state from John Nott in 1980 to Nicholas Ridley earlier this year.

None of this though can justify what is on the table in secret session in London today, with the House of Commons waiting to be opened by the Queen and the European Parliament unable as yet to influence the outcome.

Lord Bethell is a Member of the European Parliament and chairman of Freedom of the Skies.

The Queen's Speech on Wednesday was until recently expected to include an announcement of legislation to impose a new tax, based on a principle never before introduced in this country's laws.

Hints have now been dropped to suggest that the proposed legislation may not be included in the government's programme after all, but the hints have made clear that the measure has not been abandoned, only postponed until a more convenient time.

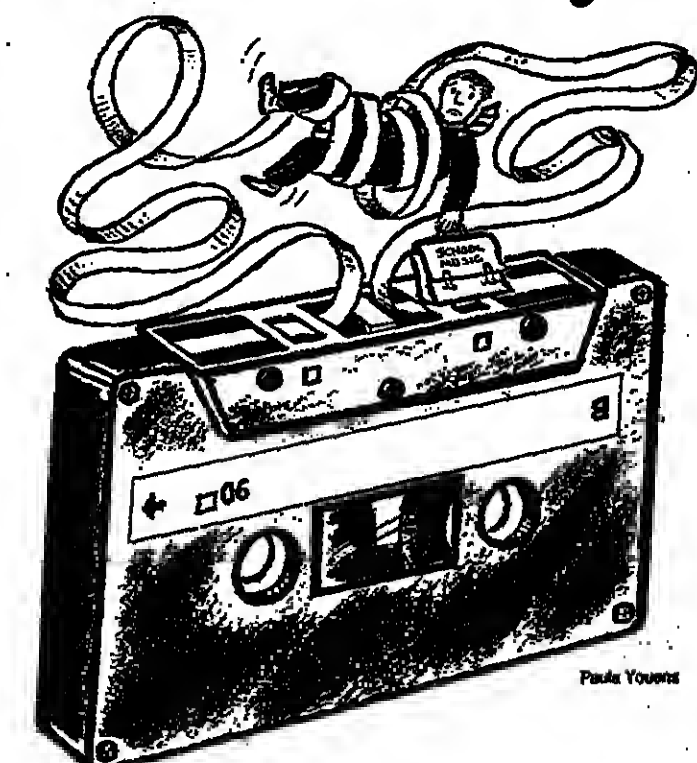
If, as is more likely, they prefer boasting to action, it is probable that there will never be a better case for the House of Lords, which truly does have the independence that the Commons only talks about.

The record industry, one of the richest, and certainly the greediest, of businesses, has managed to persuade the government to impose a tax (called instead, in a characteristically shifty euphemism, a "levy") on all blank recording sound tapes.

The excuse for this robbery is that some people are in the habit of buying blank cassettes and then recording on to them other tapes or discs, thus depriving the artists and manufacturers of the income the recorded material would generate.

It is impossible to "police" the sale of tapes, and that there is therefore no way of recouping the lost revenue other than the tax.

Wipe this tape injustice clean away



Paula Young

the licence was ridiculously small, the industry took care not to promote or publicize it, and a few years ago, in order to help their campaign for a tax, they abolished it, so that they could plead even greater hardship from the loss of the licence revenue.

Now not even the record industry denies that millions of tapes are sold to people who use them solely for purposes which do not breach any copyright, first recording their babies' first gurglings to a wide variety of educational purposes.

The music industry argues that it is impossible to "police" the sale of tapes, and that there is therefore no way of recouping the lost revenue other than the tax.

Bernard Levin

not of a kind that would permit customs officers to inquire whether imported tape has been bought levy-free, a black market will instantly spring up; that is what has happened in Germany, which has had a levy for many years; it is estimated that the black market accounts for between 15 and 20 per cent of tape sales.

It will be the manufacturers and importers themselves or others in the retail chain to decide whether to pass on the whole cost of the levy to consumers or whether to absorb the cost themselves, wholly or in part.

There are, of course, the usual lobbyists working for the tax on behalf of the manufacturers (I have been long of the opinion that an MP's obligation to declare an interest should be extended by obliging him not to vote on the matter in which he has it), but I cannot quite see the Prime Minister being persuaded by them.

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Shultz: loyalty strained to the limit

Washington If George Shultz resigns over the reported arms deal with Tehran, he will be the third secretary of state in seven years to leave office in disagreement with Middle East policy, and the second brought down by a bungled White House operation in Iran.

Not only does Shultz know all the ins and outs of the negotiations, having spent days in intensive negotiations with his Soviet opposite number, Eduard Shevardnadze, but he is familiar with the worries and interests of the Nato allies, the bureaucratic opposition within the administration to arms control, and the whole range of other East-West issues.

It has not always been so. Often Shultz appeared to have been worsted in the fighting, or eclipsed by Weinberger. He has supported policies that have failed disastrously - as in Lebanon in 1982. He has been the target of a sustained effort by the conservatives to oust him. He has for months at a time been so low-key as almost to be off the keyboard.

in an administration that was secretly arming one of the nations high on America's terrorist blacklist.

Thirdly, and most importantly, Shultz is now a man of considerable stature and influence, almost indispensable to President Reagan. Some people have begun to describe him as an American prime minister.

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Michael Meadowcroft Keeping it in the family

Some time ago I saw an advertisement in a radical bookshop in Leeds for a public meeting on the subject "Regrouping the Left".

Our experience is but one example of a fairly recent trend in British politics: the internalizing of debate within parties and an unwillingness to enter the arena of broader discussion of issues.

Even debates in Parliament are increasingly ritualistic denunciations of the other side without any attempt to persuade by force of reasoned argument.

Other instances of this trend away from pluralism are the cases of Ray Honeyford and David Selbourne and the censorship by a force of certain speakers at universities.

In my view history will show that the Honeyford case marked a crucial watershed in the attack on political pluralism.

Firstly, that in a school 85 per cent of whose pupils are of Asian origin, the education of the remaining 15 per cent suffers, secondly, that more should be done to equip children from Asian families to cope with British society.

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moreover... Miles Kingston

The juror is out - for keeps

We often read, in descriptions of major murder trials, that the jury has retired to a hotel for the night before resuming its deliberations the next day.

"Well," we'll take a vote anyway," he said. After much fiddling of paper and pencil, the vote came to 7-5 in favour of guilty. It wasn't a promising start.

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Michael Binyon

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A CHANGED CULTURE

Sir Terence Beckett, whose last national conference as director general of the Confederation of British Industry formally opens in Bournemouth this morning, could be excused a wry smile at the timely largesse offered by the Chancellor in his autumn statement. There will be more money for roads, houses and much else that the CBI has long called for under the code word infrastructure, and a boost for education and training, which has attracted more conference resolutions than any other subject.

The accommodation between the CBI and the Government is now complete. As Sir Terence is only too well aware, CBI lobbying was not crucial to this turn of events. Indeed, Sir Terence has had the misfortune to be at the helm during the period when the CBI's influence on economic policy has plummeted.

That was inevitable. Mrs Thatcher perceptively rejected a corporate state in which government sat down with representatives of business and trade unions to reach short-term tripartite compromises incompatible with the drastic medicine needed by the British economy.

As an institution, the CBI suffered more than the Trades Union Congress from this reversal of postwar trends. The CBI in its present guise was set up as a representative business counterweight to the TUC. Its annual national conference was started to attract comparable publicity for the voice and interests of industry when corporatism and union sway were at their malign peak.

Its members are naturally conservative on national policy because business can plan and thrive best under stable economic conditions. That is a continuing CBI theme, now surfacing in enthusiasm for fixing sterling within the European Monetary System.

The prospect of a sixth year

of steady economic growth, tranquil industrial relations and more stable prices - if not interest and exchange rates - lay beyond the business horizon in 1980. Sir Terence, then at his first conference, faithfully reflected the ire of CBI members paying the heavy initial cost of the economic reforms behind this transformation.

Under the presidency of Sir James Clesminson, who retired earlier this year, the organization has recovered its poise. The CBI Council and many members have responded to the new climate in which industry looks first to itself rather than government to be more competitive and responsive to social problems. The voice of the whingeing tendency has grown tired.

On more detailed issues, the CBI is again listened to and carries clout. Its leaders are more familiar visitors in Downing Street than is generally supposed.

The search for a new role, however, is only at the experimental stage. It will be a prime task for Mr John Banham, who takes over as director general at the end of the year. Just as Sir Terence arrived with the concerns of his time - principally to stop government clobbering business - so Mr Banham's proclaimed priority is for the CBI to help raise industry's competitiveness.

CBI business conferences have emphasized mutual aid as well as boosting its finances. The regional councils, from which Mr Nickson, the new CBI president, remain more lively and positive than the centre, perhaps because their members have a stronger common focus of interest. The diversity of the CBI's membership, from state industries and multinationals to small firms and venturers, allows it to speak as representative. But complaints about the economic weather can sometimes

be the only common denominator in the message which emerges.

A year ago, Sir Terence made a ringing call for lower pay settlements to preserve competitiveness. His "nowt for nowt" formula was conspicuously ignored.

In recent months, the more limited target of a 2 per cent cut in settlements has come nearer, at a time when public sector settlements have moved up. But a number of resolutions for Bournemouth reject the significance of pay settlements in favour of simply keeping down unit labour costs through productivity - reflecting a culture very different from the national pay settlements that still dominates the CBI's traditional heartland. A call from CBI leaders for members to invest more in job-creating expansion, while certainly justified, would probably meet with a similarly dusty response.

The leadership has also been looking longingly at Japan's Keidanren, nearest foreign equivalent to the CBI. It has organized some young executives to look into the twenty-first century, a favourite Japanese preoccupation. It would also love to emulate the close cooperative relationship with government that Japan's big business enjoys. But such relationships, even if they were available, would hardly sit naturally with the CBI's much wider spread of membership.

In Bournemouth, however, there will be more pressing political matters. The Autumn Statement will have stilled any lingering doubts that industry's trade union will endorse Mrs Thatcher with an enthusiasm more genuine than could have been imagined a few years ago. And, having had a good look at Labour's policies, Sir Terence would do well to brush up the old rhetoric just in case it is needed.

Burden on navigational costs

From the President of the General Council of British Shipping and others

Sir, The provision of lighthouses and other aids to the navigation of vessels around the coast of the British Isles is financed by a tax on merchant shipping entering and leaving our harbours. In 1985-86 the receipts from this tax (euphemistically described as "light dues") amounted to about £44 million.

Authorised expenditure by the General Lighthouse Authorities, who provide the aids (Trinity House, the Northern Lighthouse Board and the Commissioners for Irish Lights) was some £59 million. The balance was met from the General Lighthouse Fund, held by Government but built up from light dues paid in past years.

All of us concerned with the movement of passengers and freight to and from the UK by sea are fearful that the growing disparity between income and expenditure will mean a massive increase in this tax within the next year or so as the reserves run down.

The burden is already heavy (a large container ship entering a British port will pay £13,000 and a VLCC (very large crude carrier) £22,000 for a single visit). But when one considers that our near Continental neighbours (with ports such as Antwerp, Rotterdam and Hamburg) do not charge such dues at all, preferring to meet the cost from general taxation, the scale of the damage to British made British ports, British ships and the British consumer is readily apparent. The risks of diversion of trade are obvious if

Getting the aid to Ethiopia

From Dr Jeremy Swift

Sir, Your Correspondent, Paul Valley, reports (articles, October 29, 30) the ex-head of the Ethiopian Relief and Rehabilitation Commission as saying: (i) that nine million people would have died in Ethiopia in the recent famine without Western food aid; (ii) that the present Ethiopian Government is impervious to foreign threats, relying only on the army for its survival; (iii) that nevertheless Western food aid should be stopped in order to cause "a bloody chaos" to remove the present Government.

Luckily for the rural poor in Ethiopia, many aid agencies take a different view. The non-governmental organisation have not only used their presence in Ethiopia to save lives in the famine and help reconstruction, but also to keep up a constant dialogue with the Government about more effective rural development policies and about human rights.

They have found important rooms for manoeuvre on rural development with local government and party officials, most of whom are committed and able to improve the miserable lot of poor farmers.

With official aid organisations scarce on the ground in the Ethiopian countryside, the non-governmental organisations are also the main link between what is really happening there and the outside world. It is not necessary to interview refugees in Somalia or Sudan to know what is going on; the answer can be got in Ethiopia itself and, despite clear abuses, they are not all negative.

Ethiopian farmers and herders have regularly starved to death in the last few hundred years. The present Government has a poor record in many respects, but it is the first to make a serious commitment to end that state of affairs. In 1984-85, like several other African governments with quite different economic and political systems, it failed.

The work of the non-governmental organisations, in famine contingency planning and rural development at grassroots level with rural communities, is one of the best hopes that in the next major drought things will be different.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY SWIFT,
The Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex,
Brighton, East Sussex,
November 5.

Help overseas

From Mr N. W. Harris

Sir, I was delighted to read (report, October 25) that the Government has at last decided to make a contribution to the International Fund for Agricultural Development's Sub-Saharan Africa Special Project.

One sincerely hopes that this move is a declaration of intent from the new Minister for Overseas Development, Mr Patten, to put an end to the miserliness which his predecessors have frequently shown towards projects which aim to increase economic self-reliance in those countries most likely to be affected by severe drought and famine.

The IFAD scheme, which aims exclusively to increase incomes and food production amongst the very poorest sectors of society, is a good example of the kind of progressive, imaginative scheme which often receives less than ideally generous support from the international community: political costs tend to forget that it costs only about half as much for IFAD (for example) to increase the output of a subsistence farmer by a tonne a year for a decade as it costs to provide a tonne of emergency food for Africa.

Yours sincerely,
N. W. HARRIS,
Lake Hall,
The Vale,
Church Road,
Edgbaston, Birmingham,
October 29.

Community care

From Mr John Mowbray, QC

Sir, You report (October 31) that MIND is calling for extra community care of the mentally ill in connection with the closure of the large mental hospital at Banstead in Surrey. It is the first such closure, and so a test case.

I am afraid the position is even worse than you say. Instead of increasing care in districts formerly served by the hospital, the regional health authority is calling for a £3 million reduction in the current mental health budget for Southern Westminister, Kensington and Hammersmith, though the services are already inadequate.

Interviewed by *The Times* in February, the secretary of state promised that the proceeds of such hospitals would be ploughed back into care in the community. But the regional authority has not committed any of the proceeds of the Banstead hospital to community health services: Those of us directly concerned with providing care in the district greatly fear that the promise is not going to be honoured.

We are all for releasing suitable patients to care in the community. But the care must be there, and having (quite rightly) willed this end the Government has really got to find the means.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MOWBRAY (Chairman,
Westminister Association for Mental Health),
12 New Square,
Lincoln's Inn, WC2,
November 5.

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 10 1910

*The miners' strike in the Rhodda and Aberdare valleys exploded at Tonymandy on November 7, when a mob attacked the pithead. The chief constable asked for troops, but Winston Churchill, then Home Secretary, disordered their dispatch (for which he incurred the displeasure of *The Times*). Some rioting continued and the troops did more in Churchill's name under the cloak of his tyranny.*

THE WELSH STRIKE RIOTS

THE DELAY OF THE TROOPS
(From Our Special Correspondent)

TONYPANDY, Nov. 9.

The aftermath of last night's disastrous scenes is sorry to contemplate, and the appearance of the wrecked shops is a disgrace to a civilized country. The Government is condemned by every self-respecting Welshman for the inaptitude which has precipitated the present state of affairs. It is recognized that the failure to uphold Constitutional government by an adequate force was easily avoidable, and the sober-minded element among the miners and other trades recognizes that an indehible stain has been placed on the escutcheon of organized labour, and that "the cause," as they call it, is ruined.

It is of the utmost importance that the machinery at the Llwynypï, which, by the way, means the magpie's nest. It should be kept quiet. The pallant but quite inadequate band of workers under Mr Llewellyn who have fed the boilers since early on Monday morning were so concerned that they were unable to man the shovels and had to knock off work at 4.30 this morning. After a short rest they resumed work, and are succeeding in getting steam up once more, but they cannot hold out permanently, and they are all marked men. The strikers have threatened to attack Mr Llewellyn's house tonight, and it is guarded by a strong force of police. No doubt the houses of the other workers may become the targets of the spite of the rioters. An adequate reinforcement of labour must be introduced into the power-house and must be efficiently protected, even if a brigade is required for the purpose. The police have been working at high pressure, which cannot be maintained for a long time. No men's nerves could stand the strain which has been entailed by the long hours and fighting which have been their portion. Two hundred metropolitan police from the Whitechapel and Poplar districts, experts in booting, arrived last night and this morning relieved the Bristol and local policemen who had not had their boots off or had any real rest since Sunday last. A squadron of the 18th Hussars arrived to-day and took up their quarters at a house on the rising ground overlooking the power-house. They are to be relieved this evening by a company of Infantry. It is difficult to understand why, if mounted troops were considered indispensable, the Household Cavalry, much more suitable for the purpose, was not employed. The only theatre for street work here is the long narrow street which runs through the town and which constitutes a defile open to the fire of stones from side alleys and high ground.

QUIET IN TONYMANDY

8 P.M.

It is only paying a just tribute to obliging and competent officials to say that the post-office here yesterday dealt with a never-ceasing stream of telegraphic messages in a manner deserving of the highest praise.

The streets to-night present a great contrast to the state of affairs which obtained 24 hours ago. Groups of Metropolitan police are stationed at intervals and do not allow a crowd to gather. The power-house at the colliery attracts comparatively little notice. Last night's disturbances of the peace are not in evidence, and have apparently gone to seek a fresh field wherein to indulge their lawlessness. It is rumored that they have gone to Hydrach, but no disorder is reported from there yet. The air here is always full of what may be called human rumour, which succeeds and generally contradicts each other, with kaleidoscopic rapidity. The closing of the publichouses here may have exercised a centrifugal force on the rioters, but so far the increase in the police and the arrival of the military have produced no apparent expansion, though many signs of relief may be heard, but it is perhaps too early in the evening to assume that there will be no disturbance.

It has been rumored in the town that rioting has occurred at Porth, Aberdare, and various other places in the neighbourhood, but I can get no reliable confirmation of the rumour.

The statement issued to-day by the Home Office, and which is printed in the local evening papers, is looked upon here as an indirect apology for sins of omission. The events which occasion the statement are too recent for people to have forgotten that troops should have arrived here before noon yesterday and the improvement to-day has exploded a mischievous fallacy. Incidentally the judgement of the Chief Constable (Captain Lionel Lindsay) is amply vindicated.

Merrily on high

From Mrs Glynis M. E. Shand

Sir, With reference to the letter of October 29, I remember as a young girl in the thirties hearing the following:

O God our help in ages past
(Lloyd George)

Our hope for years to come
(the dole)

Our shelter from the stormy blast
(the workhouse)

And our eternal home
(the grave).

Not much optimism there!
Yours faithfully,
GLYNIS M. E. SHAND,
216 Great Western Road,
Aberdeen.

WAR PSYCHOSIS

The political wells of southern Africa have long been poisoned by black Africa's loathing of apartheid, by Pretoria's fear of hostile encirclement and by its readiness to deliver short, sharp shocks to neighbours who provide aid and succour to the African National Congress.

For a brief moment, with the signing two years ago of the Nkomati Accord between South Africa's Mr P. W. Botha and Mozambique's President Samora Machel, it seemed that pragmatism might triumph in the recognition that if the countries of the region did not bang together, they would almost certainly hang separately.

It proved an evanescent hope. In the past few months the pro-sanctions rhetoric of Zambia and Zimbabwe, both of which face starvation should they match their words with deeds, and Pretoria's predictably hostile, if still relatively low-key response, have produced something close to a war psychosis in the Front Line States. The hysteria which erupted after President Machel's death in a plane crash on South African territory was merely a symptom of that psychosis. Another is the document, apparently genuine, recovered from the wreckage of Machel's plane which purports to reveal a Mozambican-Zimbabwean plot to overthrow President Kamuzu Banda of Malawi.

The reason is not far to seek. Some 85 per cent of Zimbabwe's foreign trade is either with or through South Africa. If Prime Minister Mugabe is to put his money where his mouth is, his country will have to become totally dependent on the railway line from Zimbabwe to the Mozambican port of Beira - a link which, despite the strong but largely ineffectively Zimbabwean military presence, is disrupted at will by the anti-Marxist Renamo guerrillas who have also reduced much of Mozambique to economic wasteland.

It is common cause that Renamo bands wander freely across the Malawian-Mozambican border which arbitrarily divides tribes who value kinship above nationality. It is equally common cause that President Banda is not greatly loved by fellow African leaders. Like most of them the 80 year old former physician who has presided over Malawi since its independence in 1963 is the virtual dictator of a one-party state. But there the resemblance ends. He is neither Marxist, African Socialist, nor army general. He has not sought international fame through berrating the West nor hosting Non-Aligned summits. His country is poor and without natural resources yet it is not one of the world's beggar

Teachers' pay

From the Headmaster of Elmbridge School, Fyfield

Sir, In the educational debate over "the Coventry agreement" and over the new proposals announced a few days ago by Mr Kenneth Baker to settle the teachers' dispute (report, November 3) three areas of dissatisfaction are frequently being voiced:

1. If only 15 per cent of the staff of a school can aspire to the principal teaching grade, why should anybody else on the main professional grade (MPG) be prepared to take on the additional responsibility and workload of running a department, resources, examinations etc without any financial reward?
2. There will be limited promotional prospects for most teachers, either within the school or in other schools, so more staff will stay put. Teachers on the MPG will reach their maximum salary after 12 years and, if Mr Baker's proposal is carried through, this will happen after a mere nine years.
3. The considerable difficulties in many areas of finding supply teachers to cover for absent colleagues.

I should like to put forward a possible solution to each of these dissatisfactions.

Firstly, teachers on the MPG being given the responsibility of running a department should be recompensed for the extra work, not by payment in cash terms, but in a reduced teaching load. This will preserve the unity of the teachers being paid on a single professional scale.

Secondly, the incremental scale for teachers should be extended in the MPG to 25 years and should go on to a higher maximum than is presently envisaged. It is psychologically important for the teacher not yet having reached the midpoint in his career to feel that year by year he is being rewarded for his experience and dedication to the profession. Regular in-service training can be built into a staff appraisal system as a safeguard against stagnation.

Thirdly, if the new teachers' contract will be determining the number of classroom hours a teacher will normally be expected to serve, then "supply" for a teacher's absence could, and should, be undertaken by the school staff as extra tuition or "overtime" for which they should be paid generously. It will be cheaper for the local education authority than for a teacher to be brought in from outside the school. Cover absent staff from within the school will also be more efficient and more meaningful for the pupils.

Yours faithfully,
W. K. LEIGHTON, Headmaster,
Elmbridge School,
Fyfield,
Ongar, Essex,
November 1.

Museum charges

From the Secretary of the British Museum (Natural History)

Sir, Professor Harbury (November 4) states that the prime question for museums is less how to raise more money than how much to try for.

This museum must try for about £1.5 million from admission charges next year, that being the gap between its needs and its likely provision from the Government and all other sources. The scale of charges was calculated to bridge that gap and to provide free admission and reduced rates for as many visitors as possible.

Without a substantial increase next year in funds from Government and/or the visiting public, this museum would have to halt its exhibition programme and educational services to schools, close public galleries and reduce to a minimum its curation of the national collections.

Yours faithfully,
R. SAUNDERS, Secretary,
British Museum (Natural History),
Cromwell Road, SW7,
November 6.

Inflation risks

From Sir John Dilke

Sir, It is argued by some experts with short memories and little foresight that interest rates are higher than they need be. Mr Mizrahi for example, in your columns (November 3) suggests that bond yields of 11 per cent are discounting too great an inflation risk. Can he so soon have forgotten what happened to our savings before the present Administration came in, and can he so lightly dismiss the probable effect of their defeat at the next election?

Up to 1980 the yield on savings was negative even before tax and has been far too long, without reckoning the losses suffered by all savers through double-figure inflation. Now justice is at last being done, but anybody who considers the policies of the Opposition will know that if the election goes wrong, perhaps next year, we shall be stuck again with confetti money.

Yours truly,
JOHN DILKE,
Ludgite,
Etchingham,
East Sussex,
November 4.

In common currency

From Mr William Fallows

Sir, I was intrigued by the account (October 27) of Mr Cedric Hallam's grandfatherly arithmetic exercise book. It inspired me to turn out an old textbook which has been on the top shelf for some time. The title is *The Tutor's Assistant*, by Francis Walkingame, and is the 1797 edition for which the publishers had engaged a Mr Crosby to work every question anew so that many errors were expunged.

The interesting point is that in the questions five pounds is written as 5 L. but in the answers

ULSTER'S MICAWBERS

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But it cannot be any substitute for a strategy for unionism. The unionists face a stark choice which has been placed before them as a consequence of the opportunities which have been missed on all sides over the last fifteen years. They can exercise considerable influence on such institutions as exist, from the intergovernmental council down to local authorities, or they can sit on the sidelines making futile gestures as the machinery of direct rule passes them by.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 8: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of York and the Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, were present this evening at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall.

Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Anderson was in attendance. His Royal Highness, Colonel, Welsh Guards, this afternoon attended a Remembrance Day Service at the Guards Chapel and afterwards laid a wreath at the Guards Memorial, Horse Guards.

The Queen was represented by Lieutenant Colonel Walter Luttrell (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Somerset) at the Memorial Service for Sir Arthur Galsworthy (formerly Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Dublin) which was held in St Christopher's Church, Lympsham, today.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester and The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present this evening at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall.

The Duchess of York and The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips were present during the ceremony.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester this evening presented the Celebrations Guild of the Centenaries of the Great Britain at the Royal Albert Hall, London, W8.

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Taizé, faith and ordered chaos

In December Taizé is coming to Britain. Every year, the world famous ecumenical community holds a five-day international youth meeting in a big European city, and this year it is to be held in London, from December 29 to January 2.

holiday camp; you are free to do as you choose. Tens of thousands flock to Taizé from all over the world every year in search of God, and themselves. They share in the brothers' simple daily routine of work, reflection, and prayer.

the muddled altar bathes the darkened church in their soft, orange glow. The three-day ecumenical prayer meetings are - if such a simple ceremony can be given such a formal name - consist of psalms, Bible-reading and hymn-singing in seven or eight different languages, structured around a central core of silence lasting 10 minutes or more, for private prayer.

Taizé, in the heart of Burgundy, is a one of the most remarkable places in the world. Almost everyone who goes there - old and young, believers and non-believers - feel they have been in the presence of something extraordinarily precious, yet not easily defined. There is an atmosphere of warmth, unquestioning acceptance, and a simple faith which does not seek to impose or moralize. If God exists, one feels, he must surely be at Taizé.

While most are in their early twenties, there is also a large and growing number of adults who eat, sleep and have group meetings apart from the young, though all come together for common prayer. The brothers felt it important that the adults did not feel swamped by the more boisterous young, and that in their turn the young did not feel cramped by the adults.

The London meeting will follow the same daily rhythm of life as at Taizé itself. Morning prayers will be held in 200 parish churches throughout the capital, with everyone brought together for midday and evening prayers. Worcester Abbey, Westminster Cathedral and Methodist Central Hall, Cardinal House, Archbishop Runcie and the Moderator of the Methodist church are all expected to attend.

Birthdays today

Mr Harry Andrews, 75; Sir Peter Baldwin, 64; Mr Robert Carter, 63; Miss R. L. Cohen, 80; Dame Frances Coulsfield, 82; Sir John Davis, 80; Air Marshal A. L. A. Perry-Koene, 88; Mr Tim Rice, 42; Sir William Ryrie, 88; Sir David Scott, 75; Admiral Sir William Staveley, 58.

Marriage

Mr M.G. Hardingham and Miss T.N. Mackworth-Young. The marriage took place on Saturday at Holy Trinity, Brompton, of Mr Richard Hardingham, youngest son of Major and Mrs M. L. Hardingham, of East Harting, West Sussex, and Miss Tessa Mackworth-Young, youngest daughter of the late Mr G. W. Mackworth-Young, and Mrs Eve Mackworth-Young, of Fisherton de la Mere, Wiltshire. The Rev A. Miller and the Rev N. Lee officiated.

Latest appointments

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin to be deputy chairman of the trustees of the National Maritime Museum. Judge Norman Francis to be President, Judge TR Heald and Judge Marcus Aarvold-Davies, QC, to be vice-presidents from January 1 1987, and Judge JAR Finlay, QC, to be honorary secretary of the Council of Her Majesty's Circuit Judges.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy: Lt J. Clarke, COCHIN, Dec 16 1986. Lt J. Clarke, COCHIN, Dec 16 1986. Lt J. Clarke, COCHIN, Dec 16 1986. Lt J. Clarke, COCHIN, Dec 16 1986. Lt J. Clarke, COCHIN, Dec 16 1986.

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Mr Dipak Nandy

Mr Dipak Nandy to be chief executive of Intermediate Technology, the charity, in succession to Mr Dennis Frost.

Service Luncheon

RAF Transport Association Light Infantry (TA) Brigadier E. St C. Preston presided at the annual dinner of the 4th Battalion The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Officers' Club held on Saturday at the TA Centre, Boechum Lane, Pontefract.

Mr Stuart Young

A celebration for the life and work of Mr Stuart Young, will be held at Guildhall at 11 am on Wednesday, December 10. A buffet luncheon on 11 am on Wednesday, December 10. A buffet luncheon on 11 am on Wednesday, December 10.

Irises' autumn flowers

Tall bearded irises, which have been popular as border plants for at least a century, could soon be a feature of autumn gardens instead of being deliberately hidden away behind more colourful plants during that season, as is the tradition.

Wimbledon House School

Sir Michael Horden and Mr Doreen Goodwin were the hosts at a reception held at the Barbican on Tuesday, November 4, to launch the appeal for the Malden Theatre to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Wimbledon House School.

Major-General R. A. Smart

Major-General R. A. Smart, CBE, FRCP, who was leader of the Royal Society's International Geophysical Year Expedition to the Antarctic from 1956 to 1957, died on November 6. He was 72.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr N. Martin and Miss V. Camm. The engagement is announced between Napper, son of Mr and Mrs Peter J. Wood, of Moseley, Birmingham, and the Hon Mrs Martin, of Crichel House, Wimborne, Dorset, and Virginia, daughter of M. Alain Camm, of Brussels, Belgium, and Marchese D'Avale Valva, of Siena, Italy.

Marriages

Mr J.A. King and the Hon Mrs Wiggan. The marriage took place at St John's Church, Warwick, Virginia, on Saturday, November 1, between Dr Joseph Austin King, of Kingsport, Tennessee, son of the late Mr William Thayer King and Mrs King, and the Hon Mrs Julia Wiggan, elder daughter of Lord and Lady Reginald. Dr and the Hon Mrs Joseph King will live in London and Tennessee.

OBITUARY

MR ARTUR LONDON

Czech Communist survivor and witness to oppression

Mr Artur London, the Czech Communist leader turned dissident, who wrote a famous book exposing Stalinist methods, died in Paris during the night of November 7-8. He was 71.

Born on February 1, 1915, of Jewish origin, he joined the Communist Party when he was 14, and fled to Moscow in 1934. During the civil war in Spain he served there in the International Brigade. In 1939 he entered France clandestinely in the official car of a French Communist deputy, Raymond Guyot, whose sister-in-law he later married.

During the Second World War he became a leader of MOI, the underground immigrant network that fought the Germans alongside the French Resistance. In 1942 he was arrested and sent to the Mauthausen concentration camp, from which, at the end of the war, he miraculously emerged alive.

His enemies later suggested that he owed his survival to collaboration with the Nazis, but he also accused him of being a CIA agent during his postwar period of convalescence in Switzerland. But in 1949, after the Communists had seized power in Czechoslovakia, he was in good odour, and returned home to become, as vice-minister for foreign affairs, a leading member of the regime.

In January 1951, however, he was arrested and put in solitary confinement until the following year when, with 13 other leading Czech Communists, he was put on trial for "revisionism". The trial re-staged Stalin's show trials of the 1930s, with the accused, abjectly confessing their guilt. In the end 11 were condemned to death, and executed by hanging. They included Rudolf Slansky, the former deputy premier and secretary-general of the Czech Communist Party, with whose name the trial is linked in history. London was one of those whose lives were spared, but who were condemned to life imprisonment.

Fortunately for him, in 1956 Khrushchev came to power in Russia and denounced Stalinism. In that year London was released and rehabilitated. But in 1963 he went to live in France which became his home for the rest of his life.

By the time the book appeared Czech freedom had once again been crushed, and the book was condemned in Czechoslovakia. But London received support from many Communist parties abroad, including those of France, Belgium, Italy and Spain. In 1976 his book was made into a film, with Yves Montand playing the part of the author, and Simone Signoret also starring. The film was shown throughout the world, not least on BBC Television. London was president of the committee for the defence of Czech liberties, and he naturally gave strong moral backing to the signatories of Charter 77. He never ceased to regard himself as a true socialist, but commented sadly: "Socialism exists nowhere. It remains to be built."



YENNY NOW WRITES ABOUT HER PLANS FOR THE FUTURE, TWO YEARS AGO SHE DIDN'T HAVE ONE

Just over two years ago Yenny was living in one of the poorest areas of the world. She was severely undernourished and had never seen a school, let alone a book. Fortunately for Yenny, Mrs Deacon of Hull decided to do something about it, and through PLAN International she sponsored her. The money she sent helped Yenny's family buy some basic tools to set up a carpentry business.

The family also became involved with PLAN in an irrigation scheme. The ready supply of water meant crops could be grown, and a healthier diet was now enjoyed by all. PLAN International's next project was to team up with the community to build and equip a school. Yenny is learning to read, and will soon be writing to Mrs Deacon about family and village life, and of her hopes to go to college, so that one day she too can help her community.

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Saudis aim for \$18 oil

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia yesterday asserted that the oil-rich kingdom wants to send the world oil price back up to \$18 a barrel by the end of this year.

He said through an official spokesman that the kingdom is committed to maintaining the present Opec agreement until the end of this year and then set the price at \$18 "as a first stage".

Prices yesterday moved up marginally towards \$15 a barrel, but a definite commitment by Saudi Arabia to higher prices is likely to lead to increased firmness in the markets.

Amersham up

Amersham International increased its pretax profits for the six months to the end of September by 34 per cent to £10.4 million. Turnover rose from £55.7 million to £69 million. The dividend was increased from 2.4p to 2.8p. Temps, page 28

Science chief

Dr Alan Rudge has been appointed director of research and technology at British Telecom, in charge of a £180 million annual budget. He is at present chief executive and managing director of ERA Technology, an independent contract research organization. He replaces Mr Bill Jones who is being succeeded by the International Management Institute in Geneva.

Lucas up 65%

Pretax profits at Lucas Industries jumped 65 per cent to £95.2 million for the year to July 31. Turnover was up 8 per cent to £1.6 billion. The dividend was raised by 18 per cent to 13p. Temps, page 25

Fraser shares

House of Fraser, the department store group, did not close its preference share register yesterday, due to the appeal by Lorrho against a recent decision by the Scottish Court of Session to allow the company to alter its capital structure.

£1m deal

Auxiglass, the French subsidiary of Harisons Group, is to buy Promoplastiques, of Paris, for Fr9.65 million (£1 million) cash.

No referral

The merger of A Monk and Davy Corporation will not be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

Bibby sells

J Bibby & Sons is selling Twydale Turkeys to Hillsdown for £15 million. The net asset value of Twydale is £8 million.

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price/Change. Includes Wall Street, Co News, Comment, Stock Market, Temps, Money Rates.

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Special measures likely for flood of Gas share deals

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The Stock Exchange is likely to adopt special measures to cope with dealings in British Gas shares because of the massive volume of trading expected once the company is floated next month.

To avoid overloading the market's settlements system the Exchange is considering allowing market participants to lump together small British Gas deals done with the same broker or market-maker into larger "blocks".

These could then be settled between the market participants on a wholesale basis. They would not have to be put through the Exchange's Clear settlements system, so avoiding the need to match up every individual transaction.

The main necessity then would simply be for market participants to match the number of shares in the block with the money value. If one block included, say, 100 shares, the transaction volume in British Gas shares would be cut by a factor of 100.

The stock market has run into problems in settling deals

in ordinary shares during the last few weeks, giving rise in fears that any greater volume of trading would cause the settlements system to break down.

Some City experts expect that dealings in British Gas shares could be 10 times as great as in Trustee Savings Bank shares which have already caused severe settlement problems.

Turnover in TSB shares last week was about £11 million a day, with a large number of transactions in amounts of 350 to 1,000 shares, producing a very large number of individual transactions. These have all had to be checked between brokers and market-makers and then processed through the Stock Exchange's own transaction-checking system before they could be settled.

The TSB started with about 3 million shareholders, most of whom had small numbers of shares. British Gas is likely to have up to 4 times that many small shareholders.

The number of British Gas

transactions could be further swelled artificially after January 1 when the Government will introduce its new Personal Equity Plan arrangement.

This will give tax incentives to people who hold shares within a PEP. But unless an exception is made for British Gas, people will have to sell their original British Gas shares, transfer the cash into their PEP and then buy the shares back again, to qualify for the tax break.

Mr Mark Wood, managing director of Broker Services, part of NMW Computers which handles settlements for more than half the stock market, said: "It seems probable that if people don't sell their British Gas shares immediately, they will transfer them to their PEPs. So it is likely that most people will sell their shares one way or the other."

It is understood that suggestions that an exception would be made to allow direct transfers of British Gas shares into PEPs are not correct.

LCP profits show sharp climb

By Cliff Feltham

LCP Holdings, the car parts chain and property investment group, yesterday announced a sharp jump in half time earnings as it bolstered its defences against the hostile £148 million takeover bid from Ward White, owners of Halfords and the Payless DIY business.

Mr David Rhead, chairman of LCP, said: "Our defence document which comes out on Wednesday will demolish all the myths put forward by the other side."

LCP reported that profits before tax had risen from £4.5 million to £5.9 million while dollar earnings of its Whitlock motor accessory chain in the United States — the main attraction for Ward White — had shown a 42 per cent improvement.

Mr Rhead said: "We are delighted with the way Whitlock is going. No one could do a better job with it. If Mr Philip Birch, the Ward White chairman, tried some of the ideas he has suggested that we use on the business he would fall flat on his face."

The figures show that Whitlock contributed a total of £4.5 million profits at the trading level with the balance coming from LCP's investment property, construction and distribution operations.

Meanwhile, after LCP's weekend letter to Ward White shareholders, Mr Philip Birch yesterday replied to criticism of his company's borrowings.

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Cash offer in PWS' Heath bid

By Alison Eadie

PWS Holdings, the expansionist Lloyd's broker, has introduced a cash element to its previously all-paper bid for its fellow broker CE Heath. It has also increased its terms and declared them final.

The revised terms failed to impress Heath, which continued to urge rejection and argued in favour of the agreed merger with Fielding Insurance.

PWS said its offer would lapse if Heath shareholders approved the Fielding deal and the acquisition was completed.

PWS is now offering three of its own shares and four convertible preferred shares for four Heath shares, valuing Heath shares at 537p and the company at £173.2 million, based on last night's closing prices.

Heath shareholders can take cash instead of PWS shares at 275p per share. They can also retain Heath's interim dividend of 10p gross per share payable for the six months to the end of September.

Heath pointed out that PWS's first offer was worth 60p a share and its final and increased offer was worth 557p at the time it was made. The 12p fall in PWS's share price yesterday to 290p reduced the value further.

Heath also said the majority of the offer was still in paper of "uncertain value".

Mr Robert Shrager of Morgan Grenfell, which is acting for PWS, said PWS shares held up well yesterday, considering the enormous underwriting at a price of 275p per share.

He said the offer from PWS was the only one, made at a premium and with cash. The Fielding deal represented severe dilution and a very high price, he said.

He added that if the Fielding deal went through, Heath shares could drop to 464p — the price at which Hambros is placing 7.3 per cent of its shares to Heath and will retain 16.8 per cent of the enlarged group.

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Firms have been divided into four categories: trustees of regulated unit trusts, investment advisers/intermediaries with a distinction between those who do and do not handle client money, and all other investment businesses — a category which encompasses stockbrokers, capital market players, futures dealers and most investment managers.

If the proposals are adopted, unit trust trustees will have to hold £4 million of gross capital, while intermediaries and advisers will need at least £2,000 of gross capital and net current assets and will also have to hold three weeks of annual expenditure if they handle clients' money.

One important requirement for such firms will be based on their investment position risk which measures their exposure to various categories of financial instruments ranging from commodities to equities and Government bonds.

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Shoppers send borrowing to £2.91 bn record

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Retail sales and consumer credit continue to boom, according to government figures. The volume of sales and credit advanced reached record levels in September.

The Lawson boom in the high streets has produced big increases in consumer borrowing, particularly on bank credit cards.

In September, £2.91 billion of new credit was advanced, compared with £2.68 billion in August. The previous record was £2.74 billion in April. In the latest three months there was a 9 per cent rise in consumer credit.

Bank credit cards — Access and Barclaycard — accounted for £1.25 billion on credit advanced in September and are taking over from hire purchase as the most popular form of credit.

Officials at the Department of Trade and Industry said that much of the credit advanced on Access and Barclaycard is paid off before it becomes subject to interest. Credit cards thus differ from the fixed-term hire purchase arrangements.

Even so, the amount of consumer credit outstanding has risen steadily. At the end of September it stood at £23.2 billion, nearly £600 for every adult in Britain.

The total of credit outstanding compared with £22.1 billion at the end of June and

£20.8 billion at the end of last year. Retail sales increased strongly in September, the Department of Trade and Industry's final figures showed. There was a 1 per cent increase in sales volume, after a 0.4 per cent increase in August.

Sales volume was up by 1.8 per cent in the July-September period, compared with the previous three months, and by 5.2 per cent, compared with a year earlier.

Sales volume was 6.6 per cent higher than in September last year. The strongest increases in sales were seen by mixed retail businesses such as Marks and Spencer, followed by non-food retailers. Food retailers have had a smaller sales boom.

The value of sales in September averaged £1.78 billion a week, 10.4 per cent up on a year earlier. So far this year, the value of sales is running 8 per cent higher than in the first nine months of last year.

Retail sales appear to have held up well last month. The John Lewis Partnership said that half-term holidays had helped spending, with some indications of Christmas spending coming through.

The Retail Consortium said that the return of cheques for unsuccessful TSB applications was one factor which may have boosted sales last month.

Weaker pound pushes factory costs higher

By Our Economics Correspondent

The pound's weakness again pushed up industry's raw material and fuel costs last month, with further increases likely in the coming months even if sterling holds steady.

The index of input prices for manufacturing industry rose by 1.1 per cent last month, after a 1.7 per cent increase in September. The main reason for last month's rise was the 3 per cent drop for the pound against the dollar between September and October.

Manufacturing industry's material and fuel costs last month were still down on a year earlier, by 5.3 per cent compared with 7.4 per cent in September.

But several industries are seeing higher costs than a year ago, in spite of the sharp drop in oil prices.

These include food, drink and tobacco; mechanical engineering; motor vehicles and parts; and footwear and clothing.

The pound's fall, which for these industries has offset the

effects of lower oil and commodity prices, has not persisted so far this month. Yesterday, after some early strength, the sterling index closed unchanged at 69.4.

Even so, because there are lags between exchange rate changes and effects on costs, industry's input costs can be expected to rise further in the coming months.

The gap between industry's costs and prices at the factory gate — output prices — narrowed last month.

There was a rise of 0.1 per cent in manufacturing industry's output prices, compared with a 0.3 per cent increase in September.

But officials were reluctant to read too much into the slowdown, because monthly movements in output prices have been erratic.

Even so, the 12-month rate of increase for output prices slowed from 4.4 per cent to 4.3 per cent, its lowest since the early 1970s.

High-flyers confident that there is life after Sidney

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Industrial leaders were introduced yesterday to Sidney, allegedly a typical British manager — always with his head stuck in the sand.

Sidney, a life-size dummy with a bucket on his head, occupied pride of place on the platform at the annual conference in Bournemouth of the Confederation of British Industry.

The organization's team of under 35-year-old high-flyers told the gathering what to do to make Britain great again.

"Sidney works in every organization — he's a manager," said Mr Mark Nicholson, a Barclays Bank manager and chairman of the group.

ing an interim report from his group, Vision 2010, listing 42 ways for industry, government and others to provide Britain with go-ahead world-leading companies 25 years from now.

The group, 20 managers and one teacher, foresee a country

dominated by thrusting companies where workers are rewarded according to their performance, where trades unions and managements have the same goals and children are taught from an early age the part business plays in society.

And, according to Vision 2010, mass unemployment simply will not exist.

to us having little or no manufacturing industry in the year 2010.

"Our group simply does not accept this and believes inherently that there is no industry in which we cannot compete. Furthermore, to have a thriving economy in the year 2010 we must have a profitable manufacturing sector employing a significant percentage of the workforce."

He added that many companies were bogged down in the organization of their workforce so that when change was made it was clumsy and invited the confrontation that it so often caused.

"Our company will have a corporate culture with clear objectives which are understood and supported by all employees. The company's performance against these aims will be freely discussed with all employees, and even Sid will be told."

Advertisement for Heathrow Airport. Text: BUSINESS IN PORTUGAL MEANS TAP FROM HEATHROW. Includes details about Heathrow's services and contact information.

IN THE MARKET

Holding back on better yields

Respected City analysts enjoyed a traditional English experience last week - being left behind as the Government changed tack. The Chancellor announced a stunning reworking of the Government's presumed intellectual framework in grants from the analysts.

The analysis were not dismayed by the national easing in fiscal policy; they had urged that for years. They were upset because the Government had chosen to do exactly what it wanted, without any prior reference to them.

Worse, sterling stood up to the Chancellor's words quite well, hardly a fair chance against the mark and dollar. Gills sold off by a point at the long end, but refrained from collapsing. The tap ended the week at 4.04%, still 1/2 point above its partly-paid issue price.

That looks almost no price at all to pay for securing a positive bargaining advantage against the market. Brokers' views should be kinder to the Chancellor in future, especially if the polls improve.

Base rates rise? But, sadly, the benevolent approach to policy, and hence perhaps to the gilt market, may be equally misplaced. There is still a fair chance that British base rates will be forced up to 12 per cent soon.

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GEC recovers after report on Nimrod is discounted

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Market men did not know which way to turn yesterday as stories began circulating that GEC, the electronics and defence company, had lost the prized Ministry of Defence contract to supply the RAF with the Nimrod airborne early warning system.

Initially it knocked some of the wind out of GEC's share price but by late afternoon the rumour was being dismissed as a false one spread by the dirty tricks departments of other interest parties.

The tender for Nimrod was only submitted last Tuesday, along with the tender for the rival Avacs project from Boeing, and the existing MoD timetable is believed to still stand.

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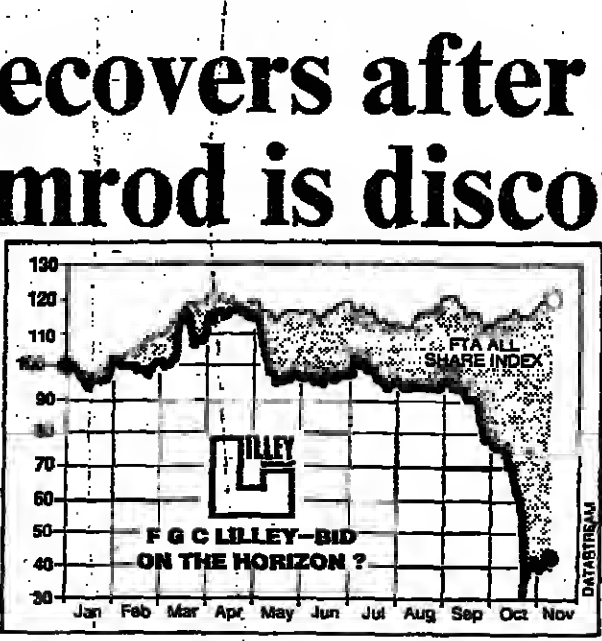
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follow-through as turnover slowed to a trickle. Sentiment remains firm, however, with the oil price benefiting from moves by Saudi Arabia to force the price of a barrel of crude back up to \$18. The price of Brent crude for January delivery rose 0.20 cents to \$18.

The major oil producers responded with BP climbing 3p to 69 1/2p, Shell 1p to 95 1/2p, London & Scottish Marine Oil 4p to 147p and Tricrestol 3p to 64p.

The stronger oil price also helped the pound on the foreign exchange market, but this failed to lift gilt, which reflected the latest bout of heavy selling on the US bond market, where prices were down more than \$2 over the weekend.

Prices at the longer end of the market finished 3/4 lower. The rest of the equity market was left in its own devices with the FT 30-share index ending 3.9 down at 1,313.3. The FT-SE 100 lost 6.4 at 1,656.2. But dealers remain unperturbed, and they are confident that prices will rally later this week.

Among the blue chips Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch household products group, fell 8p to £19.95 ahead of third quarter figures today. Analysts are looking for pretax profits to climb from £244 million to £295 million.

F J C Lilley, the troubled Glasgow-based civil engineer and building group, improved a further 5p yesterday to 38p. An talk that a predator could be about to pounce. The one

sortium to bid for TFI, one of France's biggest television channels which the French government has just put up for sale. Proceeds from August's £20 million issue would help to finance the deal.

Meanwhile, the other major television operators continue to attract strong institutional support with dealers claiming that most are enjoying a boom in advertising revenue.

Anglia Television 'A' firmed 8p to 319p. Harlech Television non-voting 7p to 22p, London Weekend 7p to 44 1/2p and Ulster Television 'A' 2p to 14 1/2p.

The stores sector was mixed, in line with the market, despite encouraging retail sales figures for September. Jewellery retailers had their biggest increase for five years, rising 17 per cent. Sales of women's wear grew by 18 per cent and mail order companies, which had sales growth of only 2 per cent in

August, managed a 15 per cent rise. The figures, which are better than the City expected, had brokers tipping stocks like Freemans, Next and Ratsners as "buys". But their sentiment did little for share prices, which mostly drifted a penny or two lower.

Elsewhere in the sector WH Smith was unchanged with both the 'A' and 'B' shares standing still at 290p and 58p respectively, although an institutional meeting for mmm with a dozen Scottish fund managers at the Edinburgh offices of Wood Mackenzie, the broker, today.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet Taste of things to come from the Big Apple

Two parallel events are taking place in New York that are fascinating in themselves, a reflection of changing capitalist attitudes and a hint of things that may come to the City of London. The creeping danger to the American securities from the Japanese is accelerating while at the same time - presumably out of confidence, not fear - at least one of the pre-eminent firms, I am told, is busily devising a formula for capitalism without risk.

The securities industry is booming and, with the development of the global market prospects, have never been better. For the successful players, the rewards will be mind-boggling, certainly to observers in this country if not in the United States, where most of the big games will be controlled. In such a heady atmosphere, it is not perhaps surprising that a leading securities house is thinking how it can best remunerate its key people, on a scale and in a manner that will take others' breath away if it persists with its scheme.

In essence, the proposal is to have an inner partnership - a small, charmed circle to which all "ordinary" partners would aspire. The standards of achievement would naturally be set high - so high that few could ever hope to become one of the elect. But the incentive to try would be colossal.

The plan is to set aside each year a pool of money from the firm's pretax profits, after the normal bonus to all partners has been paid. This pool, which would remain immune from any vicissitudes the firm's business might suffer, would be divided among the elect according to a scale of percentages, up to 2 per cent. Thus a partner within the charmed inner circle would receive his salary, normal bonus and elect bonus. The figures used for illustration suggest that the senior man might receive between \$4 million and \$6 million a year.

That, of course, is New York, not London, where the incentives and rewards offered in the period leading to Big Bang, though beyond most people's comprehension, have so far stopped short of the stratosphere.

Ironically, one of the firms to take the bidding to dizzy heights on this side of the water was E F Hutton when successfully acquiring a team of salesmen from its fellow American broker, Merrill Lynch. Ironically because E F Hutton appears now to be up for sale itself. Negotiations with Shearson Lehman, which is part of

American Express, have come to an end without agreement. Price seems to have been the stumbling block. Hutton's valuation of itself (\$1.7 billion) being higher than Shearson Lehman's.

Hutton, which has had its problems in the US, is still one of the biggest US retail brokers, with a sales staff of 6,400 and total capital of \$1.14 billion. It is a sign of things to come that a firm of this size believes it needs to be part of a bigger group. It is a sign of the times that at the same time as revealing the failure of negotiations with Shearson Lehman, Hutton would welcome to its board Sado Yasuda, general manager of the international investment division of Sumitomo Life, one of Japan's leading insurance companies. Sumitomo Life has a 6 per cent stake in Sumitomo Bank which, after the celebrated May auctions of US Treasury debt, moved to take a strong, profit-sharing but non-voting stake in Goldman Sachs.

Goldman thus became the first of the big New York securities houses to bow the knee to the Japanese, acknowledging them as the new super force in the securities industry. The first, but certainly not the last.

For the Japanese securities houses have again demonstrated their power, and also perhaps their cunning, at the latest Treasury auctions. Unlike the May auctions when they successfully bid for most of the bonds offered, proceeded to hold them through a falling market when all New York expected them to sell, and subsequently made a killing at the New York houses' expense, they hid for only an estimated \$3 billion last week, out of \$9.25 billion on offer. They have now gone home, leaving the great bulk of the paper with the New York houses, which may already be carrying, for their pains, book losses of \$120 million.

These losses would become real, and bigger, if the Federal Reserve, as some rumour-mongers would have it, is about to raise the discount rate. What the US bond market needs is a cut in the rate but even that would be two-edged assistance. Lower interest rates to New York would bring fresh pressure on the dollar, and with it, fears of more inflation - a turnoff for buyers of bonds.

It is not yet clear how deep in the mire some of the US securities firms may be, or how easy or difficult it may be for them to climb clear. But it is a scene that needs watching.

ALPHA STOCKS

Table of Alpha Stocks with columns for Company Name, Price, Change, and Volume. Includes companies like Anglo-Continental, Anglo-Continental, Anglo-Continental, etc.

FUTURES AND OPTIONS

A Chinese obsession fuels instant success for HKFE

It has not been an easy year for new futures and options contracts. Whether you look at stock index options on the London International Financial Futures Exchange, copper futures in Chicago, or new oil products on London's International Petroleum Exchange, you see markets struggling to establish decent volume and liquidity among sometimes circumspect members.

Some will undoubtedly take flight after such a hard beginning, others seem destined never to leave the ground. One exchange that has managed to launch a contract with almost instant success has been the Hong Kong Futures Exchange, with its futures contract on the Hang Seng Index, the 33-share indicator which tracks the volatile (and currently booming) local stock market.

The contract, launched in May, has grown steadily in volume to average 8,829 lots per day in October. The busiest day so far, on October 10, saw business done in 12,007 contracts, each worth about HK\$110,000 (\$9,960) at the Hang Seng Index's current level of 2,200.

The exchange appears to have picked its niche well with the index futures. It homes in neatly on the Chinese obsession with gambling of all sorts - whether it be mah jong, the horses or shares, and provides a cheaper and easier way of playing the market than conventional stocks.

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Takeover hint at Helene

By Richard Lander

A takeover bid may be in the offing for Helene of London, the fashionwear group headed by Mr Monie Burkeman.

The company announced yesterday that it was in talks with a third party "which may or may not lead to an offer being made".

Helene declined further comment and said an announcement would be made as soon as possible. Its shares rose 2p to 32½p, valuing the company at £11.2 million.

Helene has shown strong profit growth over the past three years but announced last month that profits in the first half of 1986 had slipped to £480,000 from £624,000 a year earlier.

It attributed the fall mainly to losses at Peter Barron, a dress manufacturer acquired last year.

8.1% steel output fall in OECD

Paris (AP-Dow Jones) — Steel production in western industrial countries fell to 80.3 million tonnes in the third quarter of this year, down 8.1 per cent from 87.4 million tonnes in the same period last year, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development said yesterday.

The fall brought output for the first nine months to 259.6 million tonnes, down 5.1 per cent from 273.5 million tonnes in the same period last year.

Production, the OECD said, was unlikely to recover and would continue to deteriorate in some countries.

It linked the weakness of output to slack demand. It said that demand in the United States fell about 5 per cent in the period, due to weakness in the capital equipment and oil and gas sectors.

Canadian demand dipped because of slacker car output and a cut in oil and gas investment.

Malaysian minister breaks silence on tin trading losses

From M G G Pillai
Kuala Lumpur

After five years of stonewalling, the Malaysian Government yesterday revealed a little of its role in the attempt to corner the world tin market. But the 10-page unscheduled speech in parliament of Datuk Lim Kheng Yaik, the primary industry's minister, spawned more questions than answers.

Datuk Lim said the Malaysian Government formed a company in 1981 called Maminco which, with Marc Rich & Co, the Swiss international commodity trader, set out to corner the tin market, in which both sides would share equally in the losses and the profits. They lost.

He blamed the London Metal Exchange for the collapse of the venture when it amended the rules so that dealers who were caught short had to pay only a fine rather than be forced to deliver.

His statements supported persistent market rumours of losses of more than \$400 million (£278 million). It turned out that the Malaysian Government lost about \$300 million, and Marc Rich at least an equal amount. But there are other losses. Mr David Zaidner, the Marc Rich



Datuk Seri Mahathir promised a full explanation

official who set up the deal and who was since sacked, has not been heard of for more than two years, according to sources in the trade.

Datuk Lim said that through the operation which began on July 15, 1981, the tin price rose from £6.880 per metric tonne in London to £8.350 in the next two months and a high of £8.970 by February 1982. The LME action that month brought prices down rapidly to £7.160 by the beginning of March.

Later the government tried to recoup the losses by market intervention and on the stock market through two Maminco subsidiaries called Makuwasa Securities and Makuwasa Jaya.

That attempt was not quite successful and the two companies have since been wound up. Datuk Lim said Maminco itself would be wound up in mid-1988 after some existing commitments had been settled.

Datuk Lim did not explain why the two companies used the Malay acronym for the government-owned employees provident fund and why the cable address of the Malaysian Mining Corporation (Maminco) was the name of the tin-trading company. Other similar questions remain unanswered.

The government denied any connection with Maminco until that company appeared inexplicably under the Ministry of Finance in the 1985 Malaysian telephone directory.

The 1986 directory was reprinted to remove the offending listing, but not before some thousands of copies were distributed with Maminco still listed under the Finance Ministry. In September, Datuk Seri Mahathir, Malaysian Prime Minister, announced that Maminco had indeed bought tin, and promised a full account of what had happened.

Managers buy out Butterkist company

By Teresa Poole
Business Correspondent

House of Clarks, manufacturers of Butterkist popcorn, well known to cinema-goers, has been sold to a group of managers in a buyout which values the company at £3.6 million.

A management team of four led by Mr Ken Lewis, the managing director, who already owned 27 per cent of the company, has bought the remaining shareholding from more than 30 members of the Pitt family which founded House of Clarks in 1938.

Popcorn — both pre-packed and from dispensers — still accounts for about 60 per cent of sales but confectioners and supermarkets have replaced cinemas as the main buyers. The company also makes fudges and jellies for customers including Trebor and Barker & Dobson.

With pretax profits of £517,000 on sales of £4.8 million in the year to the end of March, Dagenham-based House of Clarks is likely to seek a stock market quotation within three years.

The buyout is backed by County Development Capital, the venture capital arm of National Westminster Investment Bank, which has taken a 30 per cent stake.

Amersham is back on the growth track

Unlike many stocks in the pharmaceuticals sector, Amersham International's fortunes are not tied to one particular product or market. It is broadly spread and attributes its success to this approach.

Underlying growth is in excess of 10 per cent a year, but Amersham's results are affected at times by factors such as unusually high research and development expenditure and exchange-rate movements.

First-half pretax profits benefited from £2.6 million of exchange gains while the underlying increase in profits was £1 million. However, increased US competition led to lower prices in Japan and profits were £1 million lower as a consequence.

Despite the spread of the business, some products are worthy of special mention. Amersham has some unique in vivo diagnostic pharmaceuticals. The British Medical Journal recently picked out Indium Oxine, which identifies abscesses, as a product which should be used in all hospitals while Ceretec, a clinical reagent for diagnostic brain disorders is so important that it is on the "fast track" for US approval.

These products will make minor contributions this year, but could be worth £20 million of turnover later. Amerlite, an in vitro product in the fast growing non-radioactive immunoassay market, is used particularly for diagnosing thyroid disorders. It will not contribute to the group until 1987-88 but should bring useful profits.

Sales of research products moved ahead strongly, helped by 120 new products, three quarters of which are non-radioactive. The industrial division made progress in a more competitive market. Profits for 1986-87 should rise to about £23 million (27.5p), rising to £28 million next year (33.7p).

The shares are on a current-year p/e ratio of 16 times and are not expensive. They should enjoy another run as analysts will visit the Cardiff research products facility next month.

Virgin Group

According to economic theory, as the price of goods and services rises, sellers are tempted to come into the market and supply increases. By seeking to raise a fixed £60 million on a tender offer, Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Group, is doing the opposite. The more the market is prepared to pay for his company's shares, the fewer shares he is willing to sell.

At the minimum tender price of 120p, 50 million Virgin shares will be made available. But if investors bid the price up to 150p, only 40 million will be sold. This makes the job of deciding how much to tender doubly difficult. It would make sense to tender low, because the market will be allocated more stock for its £60 million subscription. But demand will be high, making it difficult to get stock. So individuals will want to bid high. Then fewer shares will be allocated, meaning that

applicants will still have difficulty getting stock. And it is not necessarily the case that the resultant scarcity of shares will help to keep their price up.

Intending purchasers will need to fall back on an assessment of the earnings multiple. At 120p, the historic price-earnings multiple is 16.8, falling to a prospective 14.4 on the assumption the group makes £75 million in the year to July 31 next year. At 150p, the prospective multiple is closer to 18.

Even for an unconventional and exciting company as Virgin, an 18-times multiple seems a bit steep. And memories of the prescription fall in Morgan Grenfell's shares from a striking price last June of 500p to under 400p, where it still languishes, should make applicants cautious.

Lucas Industries

The impact of write-offs on Lucas Industries' latest set of results has been fairly horrendous. In the year to July 31, reorganization and redundancy costs above the line were £15.3 million and below the line there was another £46.3 million of extraordinary items. The biggest of the extraordinary items were further provisions for closures at Lucas Electrical, which continued to make losses last year.

Lucas Electrical, which accounts for a third of British turnover of £1.6 million, should break even at the operating level in this financial year, as should Lucas CAV, which accounts for another third of British turnover.

Write-offs of this size are bound to weaken the balance sheet. Indeed, had it not been for the £89 million rights issue, shareholders' funds would have decreased at the year end, compared with last year.

With the rights issue, debt was reduced, and gearing is now a modest 19 per cent. The best place to look at Lucas's underlying performance is at the trading level. Adjusting for a £21 million pension holiday, trading profit rose by 15 per cent to £127.1 million.

Lucas is looking ahead to build up its European aerospace and industrial businesses. It is likely to make another acquisition in the United States soon. Redundancies and closures will continue on the British automotive side for years to come, but the worst seems to be over. The lack of sufficient British profit to utilize its tax losses will gradually increase the tax rate.

Adverse reports of an overtime ban and strike which was more of an irritant than anything more serious, caused the shares to fall by nearly 20 per cent since last May. Savory Mill's motors analyst, Philip Wylie, expects Lucas to make £115 million in the present year, putting the shares on a multiple of eight. The erosion of the share price has been overdue.

£94 million LET takeover terms

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

London & Edinburgh Trust, the property trader, yesterday posted its offer document for its agreed £94 million takeover of The Nineteen Twenty-Eight Investment Trust.

LET's offer for Nineteen Twenty-Eight is a disguised rights issue, which will net it more than £82 million through the sale of the investment trust's portfolio of equities.

London & Manchester Assurance, which owns 53.6 per cent of Nineteen Twenty-Eight, has agreed to accept the LET offer.

Shareholders are being offered one LET unit for every 50 Nineteen Twenty-Eight units. The units comprise new ordinary shares — up to 24.2 per cent of LET's enlarged share capital and up to 43.18 million 6 per cent preference shares for the whole of Nineteen Twenty-Eight at 105.9 per cent of the estimated formula asset value.

There is an underwritten cash alternative of 100 per cent of Nineteen Twenty-Eight's net asset value minus closing down costs. LET shareholders can also buy up to 1.83 million LET units at £22.75 a unit. Meanwhile, LET has been busy hiving off London & Metropolitan Estates in which it had a 50 per cent stake. LME's flotation will mean that LET will reduce its holding to 20.5 per cent as will Balfour Beatty, LME's other owner.

And LET's plans for Mr Nick Oppenheim's Kellock Trust, which will eventually become a separately-quoted vehicle for all LET's financial services operations, took a step further last week.

LET and Kellock shareholders approved the move to sell Kellock a controlling stake in LET's insurance broking arm, Burlington Insurance Services, and the general offer of £10.6 million from LET for the whole of Kellock's capital with LET retaining a 45 to 49 per cent stake.

£18m TVS stake sold

By Cliff Feltham
Whitbread, the brewing giant, has decided to pull out of Television South, the independent commercial television company. Whitbread disclosed last night that it had sold its 20 per cent shareholding, which it acquired two and a half years ago from European Ferries. The brewer would not say how much it paid for the stake, but said it had made a profit. On the basis of yesterday's stock market price for Television South of 270p, down 3p, the stake worth around £18 million. The shares have been placed with City institutions. Mr Lionel Ross, finance director for Whitbread, said: "We think that Television South remains a very good company but we carried out a review of our investments and decided to concentrate our energies elsewhere."

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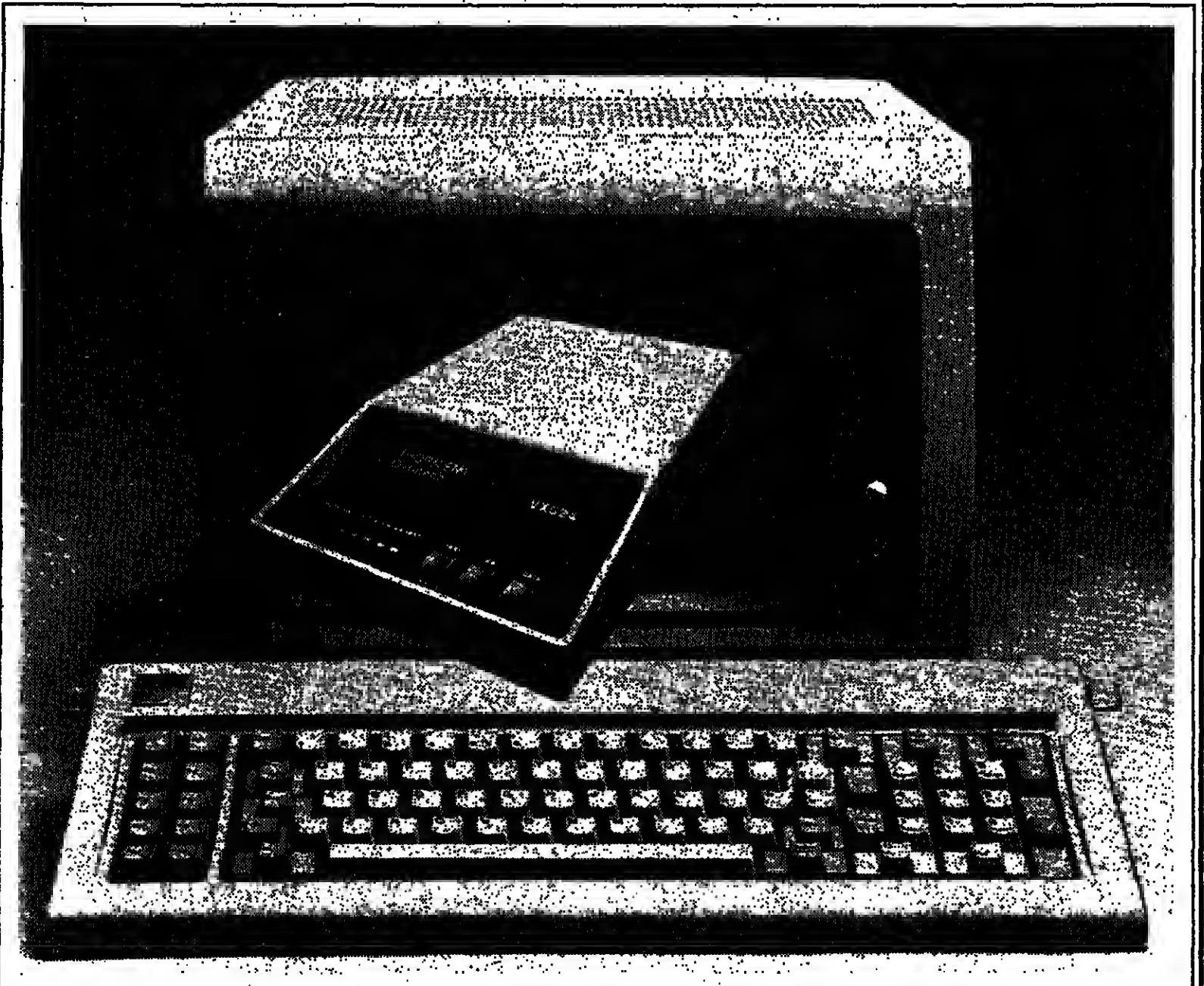
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4	Robinson (Thomas)	Industrials L-R	10p
5	Fobel	Industrials E-K	10p
6	Alexandra Wines	Industrials A-D	10p
7	Barton Transport	Industrials A-D	10p
8	Atwoods	Building Roads	10p
9	Bibby (J)	Industrials A-D	10p
10	Preac	Electricals	10p
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12	Wolsey	Electricals	10p
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14	Phoenix Timber	Building Roads	10p
15	Wood (Arthur)	Industrials S-Z	10p
16	Enronham	Electricals	10p
17	Datserv	Electricals	10p
18	Glass Glove	Food	10p
19	Br Vita	Industrials A-D	10p
20	Gestecor	Industrials E-K	10p
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28	Amcor Computers	Electricals	10p
29	Buckley	Breweries	10p
30	Hambro	Bank/Discount	10p
31	Fisher (Albert)	Food	10p
32	Uni Biotech	Food	10p
33	Brammer	Industrials A-D	10p
34	Davis & Newman	Industrials A-D	10p
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36	DFCE	Industrials A-D	10p
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Sainsbury (J)	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
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Robinson (Thomas)	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Fobel	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Alexandra Wines	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Barton Transport	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Atwoods	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Bibby (J)	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
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Shon (B)	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Wolsey	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Chemring	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Phoenix Timber	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Wood (Arthur)	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Enronham	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Datserv	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Glass Glove	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Br Vita	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Gestecor	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Harwood Foods	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Uni Leasing	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Wolsey	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Wolsey Op	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Coast	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Allied Irish	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Ran Bro	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Amcor Computers	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Buckley	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Hambro	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Fisher (Albert)	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Uni Biotech	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Brammer	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Davis & Newman	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
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Buckley	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Amcor Computers	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Ran Bro	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Allied Irish	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Coast	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Wolsey Op	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Wolsey	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Uni Leasing	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS				
Company	Price	Yield	Change	P/E
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Uni Leasing	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Harwood Foods	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Gestecor	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Br Vita	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Glass Glove	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
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Chemring	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Wolsey	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
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Buckley	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
Amcor Computers	100	10.0	0.0	10.0
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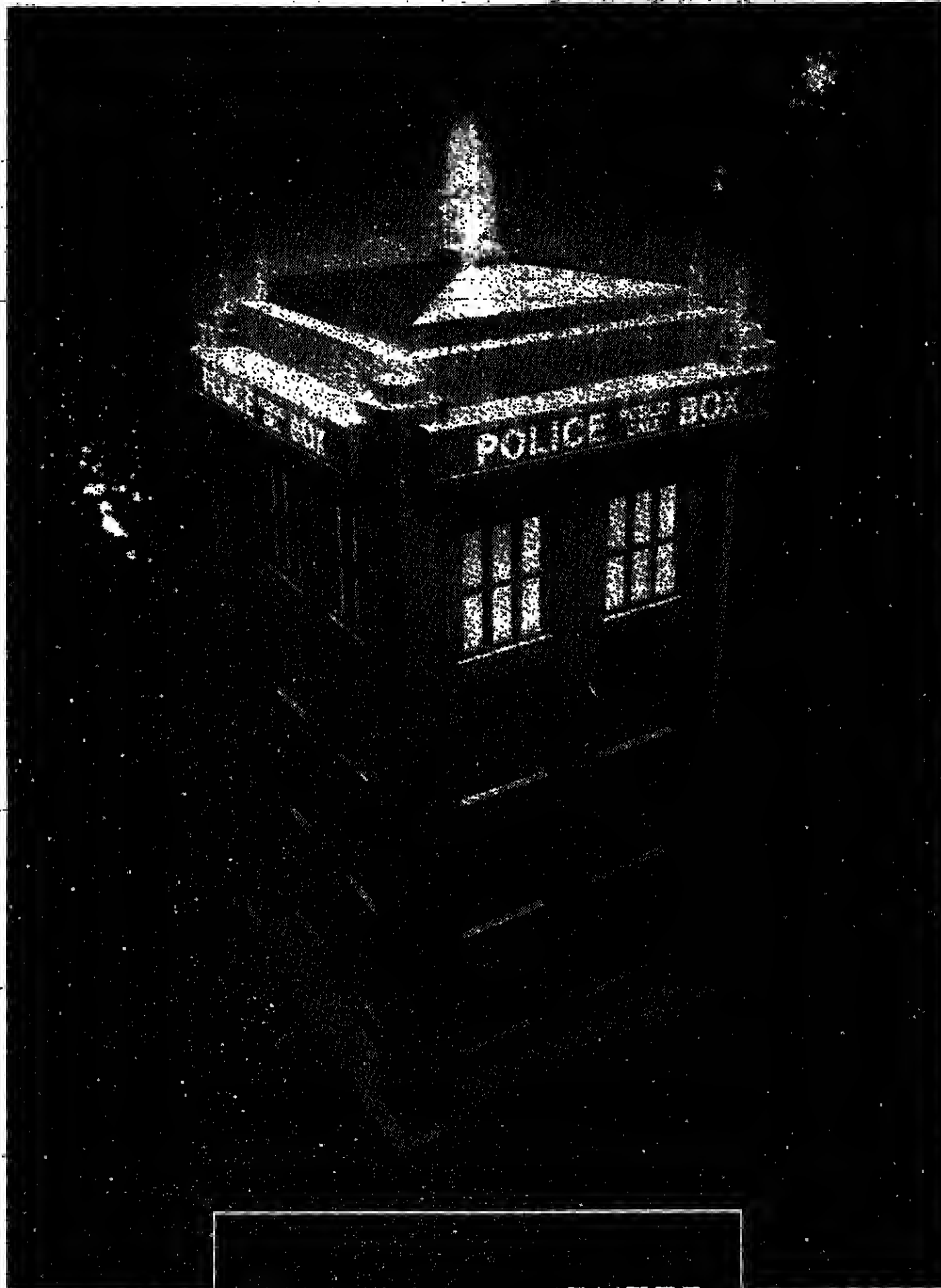
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Matchmakers plan vital marriage

THE WEEK

By Geoff Wheelwright

Marriage between the computing and manufacturing industries came one step closer last week when final details were announced for a December conference on the Computer Integrated Manufacturing Automation Protocol (CIMAP).

CIMAP will be the world's biggest ever working demonstration of computer-integrated manufacturing using the Manufacturing Protocol (MAP) and the Technical Office Protocol (TOP). To succeed, it will require the cooperation of some of the biggest competitors in industry and computing.

The Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) and International Business Machines (IBM), for example, will work together in producing a MAP demonstration that has IBM and DEC machines controlling giant robots that play out a game of chess on a huge chess board.

It may sound a little off-beat, but the goals of CIMAP are important enough for the Department of Trade and Industry to want to play Cupid to the proposed coupling of computing and manufacturing.

Last week, the Conservative MP, John Butcher, in his role as an under-secretary of state for industry, spoke about why the event at Birmingham's NEC is so vital to the government. He said: "Manufacturing matters and



John Butcher: milestone conference should always be at the core of this country's economy. The availability of the right information technology and its implementation (in industry) are essential.

The biggest problem traditionally facing computer-based manufacturing systems has been linking the equipment produced by a large variety of computer, robotics and electronics manufacturers. But the new MAP and TOP protocols are designed to provide a common language with which these systems can "speak" to one another. The government considers this

important not only because it allows existing manufacturing facilities to function more efficiently, but because it encourages manufacturers to have multi-vendor plants, which do not rely solely on the information technology of one company to survive.

Mr Butcher suggests that this objective is also important to industry, important enough for many companies to put their rivalries aside for long enough to build the demonstration system that will be on show at the Birmingham NEC from December 1 to 5.

Mr Butcher adds: "CIMAP is a milestone for the UK. The unique way in which my department and industry have worked together underlines the importance of this event."

All the companies participating in the five-day event have been making hectic preparations for CIMAP since June, at a site in Basingstoke provided by electronics firm Gould Inc. That site is being used to make sure that the whole system works without error before moving it up to Birmingham only eight days before the event begins.

They will then have a mere day and a half to lay all the cabling necessary to connect the £10 million demonstration system, comprising 15 huge "demonstration cells", before it is open to delegates on December 1.

But CIMAP is not the only computing/manufacturing industry romance effort promoted by the DTI in recent weeks. Only two weeks ago the DTI announced the award of a contract to set up a conformance testing centre for MAP to the Hemel Hempstead-based Networking Centre.

The centre, already the recipient of one contract to establish European conformance testing services for local area networks, will be provided with more than £1 million of DTI funding to set up the new standards project.

The government seems keenly aware that encouragement of standards will be the only way in which European and UK technology companies will be able to properly compete in world IT markets.

The often "proprietary" nature of many systems from large corporations such as IBM in the past made it difficult for UK competition to emerge. In pursuing European standards, however, the government will have to ensure that it does not move out of step with the rest of the world. The involvement of the Networking Centre looks to be a good move in preventing that problem.

The centre's managing director, Tony Rixon, says: "It will enable UK Limited to get totally involved in these emerging international standards at an early stage. Companies taking advantage of this government initiative will be up with the leaders in the race to develop products with an international market potential."

The last word on the DTI's plans has to go to John Butcher, who seems to have his own set of Tory-style Victorian values where the manufacturing sector is concerned. "Our manufacturers owe have the resources to do what they did so well in the 19th century," he said, "and that is to beat the world."

Universities learn the lesson of profiting from studies

Rodney Barker examines why the academic world often comes up with solutions that evade industry

What have the following in common? Prinfix, Vuman, Heart, Simpleplot, and the Edinburgh Model Fig? They are software programs, but more than that they have all been developed and marketed by British universities.

Universities, precisely because they are not in the conventional sense commercial, often can either come up with a solution that has escaped industry. That is why universities get research contracts.

And because the university contribution to computer software did not arise in the first place from the search for profits, its potential profitability can take a long time to be noticed and exploited.

At Loughborough, bespoke educational software has been developed for use on the BBC micro. At Edinburgh, the Centre for the Application of Software and Technology (CAST) has developed educational programs in meteorology and social and economic history. At Hull, programs have been developed in psychology and geography.

Almost every university department which does computing has at some time provided free software to help

some other part of the world of education. The program may simply be the work of a computer enthusiast who freely shares his or her work. At Birkbeck, Alan Mackay has developed a program for writing foreign text with an Epson FX-80; it is there for anyone who wants to use it.

The dedication to learning created initiatives in the universities which had not been taken elsewhere. It meant too that in the beginning universities gave freely to industry discoveries that industry then exploited; the universities were slow to exploit them.

Universities also took several years before they became interested in adapting or extending software to the needs of commercial research and manufacture.

This is now changing rapidly, and it is to adaptation that CAST at Edinburgh has been paying particular attention, with products such as the

graphics program, GKSUK. Universities are increasingly developing and marketing software with a view not only to advancing knowledge but to capitalizing on that advance for their own benefit. Bradford's University Software Services sells the graphics program, Simpleplot, in Japan.

Manchester University's Vuman sells the word-processing program Vumwriter, and its own terminal-emulator program, Heart, a cardiac electrical-activity simulator developed in the Oxford University Physiology Department, is sold by Oxford alongside the same department's word-processing Prinfix.

Edinburgh's CAST markets Incrypt, initially developed to preserve the confidentiality of medical records and the Edinburgh Model Fig applies the skills of Edinburgh University to the feeding and housing logistics of bacon farming.

Even when universities do not market their products, they are becoming more skilled at selling them or their abilities at a good profit. Loughborough has just such a relationship with Intel and a development of Essex's SX1 program is being marketed by British Telecom.

Germans unite to sell Japanese

From Richard Sarson in Frankfurt

Siemens, the Munich computer and telecommunications company, has announced a joint venture with BASF of Ludwigshafen, to sell IBM-compatible supercomputers together.

The new DM 80 million company, owned 50 per cent by each parent, has not been given a name, but will be based in Mannheim and employ about 1,000 staff. The chemical company BASF came into computers through its work on magnetic tapes and discs. In 1979, it started selling Hitachi's IBM-compatible mainframes.

Since then, its computer business has grown by 20 per cent a year, and now is worth 1,000 million marks (about £330 million) - 20 per cent of the European plug-compatible market. Siemens's computer business brings in 5,000 million marks but only a tenth of that comes from the IBM plug-compatible market. The rest is Siemens's own range, the BS2000, which has its home-grown operating system, and will continue to be marketed by Siemens itself, not the joint-venture company.

Siemens bought its IBM-compatibles from Fujitsu, not Hitachi. But there have been problems with this cooperation, because of legal action between IBM and Fujitsu about patent infringements in the Fujitsu operating system. Twenty six of Siemens's customers use this software. The rest use IBM's proprietary operating systems. The new company will offer equipment from both Japanese suppliers,

depending on the needs of individual customers. But the balance is likely to swing towards Hitachi.

The main target of the new company will be Europe, where only Olivetti remains as an indigenous IBM-compatible mainframe supplier, since ICL withdrew from the market last year.

The Germans will not initially attack the US. Nor, unsurprisingly, will they attempt to get into Japan. In Britain, Siemens has only just started selling computers.

The new company will have 3,000 customers, 650 of them with large mainframes and about 30,000 peripherals. It expects to have a turnover of more than 1,000 million marks in 1987, more than half of which will be outside Germany. It hopes to expand by 25 per cent a year.

Even before this joint venture, Siemens Data was the largest computer company in Europe, having displaced ICL from this position in 1982.

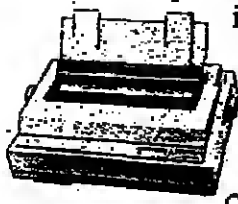
It is not certain that the venture will strengthen European industry as a whole because its purpose is to increase the import of Japanese super mainframes, albeit at the expense of importing IBM machines from the US.

However, the plug-compatible market is very volatile, and if there is a shake-out in the next two years, the financial strength of the partners in the venture could make it possible for them to buy out an American competitor. This could be good for Europe.

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Trainees who get £20,000 a year

By Elizabeth Fowler

The UK is not alone in suffering from a shortage of skilled computer staff. On-the-job training combined with a master's degree are the advantages cited for a programme offered by America's General Electric company.

Each year, the firm selects about 15 college seniors for its software-technology programme.

David Priest, manager of software-engineering services knows of no other company that offers such a programme. He defines software engineering as the "application of sound engineering principles to development and maintaining of software."

The company began its program in 1989 with two students when it could not find enough young software experts. Software professionals, who design computer programs needed to solve complex engineering, mathematics and production problems, work closely with electrical engineers, physicists, mathematicians, biologists and others.

Mr Priest said: "We provide the students with real-world projects - not just the software engineering concepts they might get in college."

One attraction, unheard of in Britain, is a salary of more than £28,000, nearly £20,000.

Now six years later, the program is larger, 12 or 15 students a year. With 12 hired this spring, 50 have joined the program.

Instead of hiring students who already hold master's degrees in software for the program, GE prefers to train its own experts, making sure they receive a master's degree.

The program begins each June with an in-home eight-week software engineering course, which includes learning languages of programming.

Computer languages needed by GE's professionals include C and Lisp, as well as ADA, the language used by the US government's Defense Department. Through the program stresses the technical, students spend part of the first summer learning how to communicate.

Mr Priest said: "They must be able to stand in front of an audience and explain technical projects to top management."

The hands-on training that includes spending a year each on three projects working with a senior scientist.

Areas include graphics, robotics, factory simulation, CAD-CAM artificial intelligence, image processing, formal language theory and control systems. Some of the most intriguing assignments deal with the growing field of artificial intelligence.

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State of the art donation for students

Professor John Campbell, right, of University College, London, looks well content as he peers into the electronic future. The reason is that Rank Xerox (UK) has made a £300,000 donation to help students at UCL develop software-engineering techniques.

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Campbell of the computer-science department, applies wherever students undertake special software projects as part of their courses. Most of the projects will be for final-year and masters students.

Under its university grant programme, Rank Xerox will donate four Xerox 1186 workstations, two 30 Mbyte file servers and a Xerox 2700 laser printer with 42 Mbyte print server to UCL's department of computer science. Software packages include InerLisp-D, LOOPS (List Object Oriented Programming),



Viewpoint and XNS Network as well as the Xerox Development Environment (XDE). The XDE software will provide a computer "shell" for research students to complete software engineering projects using the Xerox 1186 workstations.

Professor Campbell said: "InerLisp-D software is a natural progression for project students who have taken the new introductory programming course that we introduced this year. The new course uses a Lisp-like language and teaches good programming and software engineering habits quickly."

The Hoskyns Group, one of the biggest computer-services companies in the UK, is planning a full listing on the London Stock Exchange, by a placing of a minority of the ordinary shares. The group, founded in 1964, has been operating since 1975 as a wholly owned subsidiary of Martin Marietta of Bethesda, Maryland, a US aerospace and information-technology corporation and as an element of Martin Marietta Data Systems.

A new graphics product offering personal computer users opportunities for creating effective business communications

has been announced by Lotus Developments. Freelance Plus includes charting, chart editing, diagrams, word charts, freehand drawing, symbols and maps in a single package. It is intended to provide users of IBM personal computers and compatibles a complete graphics solution.

One function is to create standard business charts by entering data directly into Freelance Plus. It adds another level of integration with Lotus 1-2-3 and Symphony, allowing the import of data from worksheet files. This gives users the flexibility to generate presentation and report charts directly from worksheet data. A second new function is a text chart module that provides pre-defined formats to streamline the creation of word charts, the most frequently used presentation chart format.

The suggested retail price of Freelance Plus is £295. Registered Freelance users will be able to exchange Freelance for Freelance Plus.

Freelance Plus runs with the IBM PC, XT, AT (minimum 384K memory) or an IBM 3270 PC (minimum 640K memory) and a Hercules Graphics Card, IBM Colour Card, or IBM Enhanced Graphics Adapter. Freelance Plus is compatible with several output devices; colour and black and white, including plotters, printers and image recorders. Users can produce graphics for paper, 35mm slides, and company organization charts. Freelance Plus also supports mice and digitizers, which can be



A drawing reproduced at the touch of a button by Digital Research's GEM Draw Plus

used alone or in conjunction with the keys on a standard IBM keyboard.

Digital Research is introducing a drawing package that enables corporate and home users of PCs to produce structured drawings to a professional standard and to print drawings on a wide range of output devices, including laser printers and ink jet plotters. The package, GEM Draw Plus, is a further development of Digital Research's GEM Draw, and is designed as a complete, highly sophisticated drawing tool for presentation and publication graphics.

GEM Draw Plus can be used to generate drawings such as company organization charts, flow charts, schematic diagrams including circuit diagrams and

network diagrams, company logos and other objects. Using a mouse, drawings can be created, moved and sized with ease. The package is fully integrated with other GEM applications and, says Digital, is ideal for use within the fast-emerging desktop-publishing market - because line-art drawings can be created within GEM Draw Plus for transferring into desktop-publishing programs.

Paul Bailey, senior vice president of European operations at Digital Research said: "The graphics market is extremely active and GEM applications have done very well because they meet the need businesses have to produce high-quality presentations quickly and inexpensively."

Why Britain needs a new science of information

What passes for computer science in our universities is not science at all, but engineering. To replace it, we need something completely new - a science of information.

So says Gordon Scarrott, one of Britain's pioneer computer engineers who worked as chief research engineer in Ferranti's computer department and was the manager of ICL's research and advanced development throughout the 1970s.

One of the aspects of information, which he wants to see investigated is how far information technology should go and where it should stop. He is particularly sceptical about the claims made by the developers of expert systems, who try to capture the expertise of a doctor or lawyer as a set of logical rules in a computer program.

Mr Scarrott believes that most human experts do not

Experience to vast for storage discs

use logic that much but rather judgement instead which is more of a subconscious process, working on the expert's experience.

As it is impossible to program the subconscious and a person's experience is too vast to put on to computer-disc storage, expert systems are limited to simple applications he argues.

That Mr Scarrott should have come to this conclusion is significant because during the 1970s he developed two of the essential tools for expert systems - a fast disc-searching device called CAPS and an

early parallel processor. In a recent article for the *Journal of Information Technology* Mr Scarrott claimed that what goes on in the computer-science departments of universities is only

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By Richard Sarson

"disordered exploratory activity" into how computers and their related software should be made to work.

What is lacking is research into the nature of information itself and the way human beings interact with it, he says.

Information should be studied as a recognizable feature of the outside world in the same way as an atom is studied by a nuclear physicist.

If we knew more about how information behaves, the engineers might then build better hardware and software to handle it and until we do, Mr Scarrott says, information technology will remain adolescent pointing out that all other technologies have grown up hand in hand with their related branch of science.

For instance, when Montgolfier launched the first balloon in 1783, he thought it was lifted by smoke, until the scientist Charles published his law on the thermal expansion of gases only four years later.

Information technology, however, has no all-embracing scientific framework to work within. The most it does is to borrow scientific theories from other disciplines.

The binary switching system of all computers, for

example, comes from the theories of the 19th-century mathematician Boole, while writers of high-level or so-called natural computer languages acknowledge their debt to the American linguist Noam Chomsky or the Oxford philosopher J. L. Austin.

And of course the design of the chips themselves is well-founded on physical science.

But Gordon Scarrott wants his information scientists to be more systematic in their study of the functions, structures, dynamic behaviour and statistics of information.

Research should not be just into the behaviour of data on a disc or the signals down a telephone line but also cover the way humans use information to guide the actions of cooperating social groups.

Most of today's information systems pass from humans to machines and back again. The science of information would study the interaction. In a

Interpretation in personal terms

machine, the information passing from one component to another exerts total control.

But for humans the control is only partial because when one person tries to say something, another will interpret it in their own personal terms.

Information scientists, says Mr Scarrott, should not be engineers, like himself, or today's mathematically oriented computer scientists.

They could be logicians, psychologists, sociologists, business consultants, neurologists or linguists. He does not expect univer-



Gordon Scarrott, pioneer computer engineer

sities to adopt his ideas overnight and set up brand new cross-disciplinary faculties of information science, or get rid of the faculties which, he says, now masquerade under the title of computer science, recognizing that there are too many vested interests involved.

Mr Scarrott would however like to see an Alvey or Esprit project financed to study the science of information, pointing out that both Alvey and Esprit are supposed to handle only precompetitive projects.

Such a study would be far more precompetitive, and could do more long-term good for the European computer industry than most of the near-competitive engineering projects actually accepted.

However, he foresees a rough ride for such a project, as the committees who would sit in judgement on it, would be the same computer scientists, who tend to direct resources along the well-established paths.

A quick search for the facts at the heart of the matter

Computer databases - large files of data that enable users to draw on a central pool of up-to-date information - form the heart of many computer systems, from the details of a bank's many customers to a small organization's mailing list.

They provide on-line access to systems such as the Stock Exchange's SEAO, to animal records at London Zoo, for endangered species, and to product design information in engineering companies.

They also form the basis on which many management decisions can be made. Design of databases is a specialist task. It requires that logical searching for information from different parts of the database can be integrated with data from another part of the system or with newly input information.

It has to search for and find the precise information, prompting the user with menus for selection, authorizing or restricting access to certain types of data, and knowledge from its predetermined structure, where the named information is in the systems files.

Central updating of, say, a customer address change on the database will (provided it is specified in the application program) ensure that an invoice being prepared will include the new address.

Database management systems (DBMS), the software that helps programmers designing, setting up and managing databases to provide the facilities allowing them to specify which data program needs, are becoming more sophisticated. Relational databases - which embody correct data structures

defining the way one part of a database or system relates to another - are the next step towards ever-more-powerful ways of manipulating information.

According to industry pundit

JOBScene

By Eddie Coulter

dit, relational technology is set to take off in the next two years. It is now in use only on 10 per cent of big systems in the UK, mostly experimentally. For companies to get a grip on this technology is a serious business because large database management systems cost up to £14 million and will, once implemented, be around for up to 15 years.

Large corporate databases can be highly complex, teams of up to 15 people may be involved in their design, im-

Shortage of people with understanding

plementation and management. Database administrators with a systems programming and analysis background and good business understanding can earn from £10,000 a year. This rises with responsibility to as high as £30,000 a year for database managers in companies that consider information systems strategically important.

In non-strategically important database management positions a salary of £20,000 to £25,000 is closer to the norm.

At the top level a depth of experience in databases is

essential. High-level design capability is foremost with an understanding of database strategy. Part of the experience will inevitably include data-dictionary maintenance. This is the software that describes the form and characteristics of data within the computer and defines relationships between the data. It avoids repetition of names used by programmers for files, records and data items, so ensuring uniformity.

Knowing how data is moved around a corporation is also one of the keys to successful database design. The larger the organization and the greater the awareness of the power available through well-structured accessible information, the more complex the design becomes.

There is a shortage of people who have sufficient understanding at this level, but that is where relational databases and consultancy come in.

Relational databases have the appeal of understanding needed to implement complex systems, claims Nick Powell, managing director of Relational Technology, one of the companies supplying DBMS software in competition with ADR, Cincom, Cullinet, IBM and Oracle. "For this reason the market will grow rapidly in the next few years."

A £30,000-a-year consultant will need eight years' database experience with five years' knowledge of relational techniques. At £18,000 a year at least five years' database practice is required. Without doubt, careers in database management have their appeal and the challenge of designing systems which could be the future life-blood of a company.

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Olé, more jobs for modern translators

WORDS

By Geoff Wheelwright

It has often been alleged that automation and unemployment are inescapably linked and that the latter will inevitably follow the former. But in the human language-translation field, at least, it looks as if automation could create more jobs than it threatens.

Specialists in artificial intelligence used to think that the business of translating words from English to French to German and back again was a task particularly well-suited to computers, as they all involved invoking a simple set of language rules (eg, the *le merch* shanks), which needed merely to be programmed into the computer and then run.

Any anomalies would then be dealt with by a reduced team of translators whose job would simply be to clean up the work done by the computer.

It has not, however, worked out that way. One of the leaders in computer translation systems - Automated Language Processing Systems (ALPS) - this week launched a new inter-active translation system to run on the IBM-PC. The company says that the computer will act as a translating tool to increase the productivity of qualified translators, rather than replace them.

The ALPS Translation Support System (TSS) operates by working with the translator to translate chunks of text at a time; the translator then checks that text (for context, meaning, implication) using the built-in word-processing facility of the system before going.

Both the "target" and "destination" texts are shown on-screen at the same time in a side-by-side fashion, so that you can, for example, see the original block of French text while you are editing the translated block of English.

The company also suggests that future job prospects for people with backgrounds in both computers and foreign languages look good.

The ALPS European press officer, Veronique Auzobehere, admits, however, that the traditional language-translation community is wary of machine-translation systems - until they try them.

She says: "Many translators are reluctant because they think they'll be replaced, but this system doesn't get rid of them at all. Nobody got rid of accountants because of the development of the Lotus 1-2-3 spreadsheet."

Perhaps surprisingly for a language-translation company, ALPS started life in the US (where only last week, California voted to make English the official language).

ALPS grew out of the work of an American businessman, Rick Warner, with computational linguistics at Brigham Young University in Utah in 1980 - and, in six years, transformed to become a multinational company with European headquarters in Switzerland.

The European end of the operation has very quickly become crucial in the company's business with orders from the European operations of many multinationals including Texas Instruments, Sperry, Alchom, Norsk Data and IBM Europe.

There is every indication that the market for - and jobs within - language translation are bound to increase.



Overcoming a handicap: Richard Freeman at work with his specially adapted micro

How Mr Freeman sees his way ahead

By Maggie McLening

Richard Freeman manages two telephone sales companies with a total of 40 staff, turning over just under £1 million a year. He likes to oversee the day-to-day running of both businesses personally, but he has a problem: he is blind.

This handicap has recently been helped by a specially adapted micro with voice synthesis which enables him to "see" the details on cheques being sent out, make independent inquiries about any aspect of either business and deal with confidential documents himself.

Until his marriage ended two years ago, Mr Freeman relied on his wife's assistance for sighted tasks. The company accountant is also leaving at Christmas, which strengthened his determination to be independent and to use technology to ensure that the company does not suffer because of his disability.

As he says, "How can I tell whom a cheque is made out to or how much it is for without relying on someone else to tell me?"

That someone else is now an IBM PC with an Audiodata acoustic screen. The keyboard has two sliding keys, located to the left and below the normal keys, which are used to locate information on the screen and trigger speech output.

The voice synthesizer can read out anything appearing on the screen, whether it is a whole line, single word, single letter or single character.

He said: "I wanted to be able to check on letters or information via computer links. I wanted to know what was going on at any time, without having to wait sometimes until the following day for someone to find out for me."

One of the companies under Mr Freeman's charge is his own, Wencelle Publications, the other is the advertising space booking department of

the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation (Radar).

Direct access means that Mr Freeman no longer has to spend most evenings and weekends maintaining parallel sets of Braille records, covering customers, subscriptions and sales of each publication, in order to keep abreast of company business.

In addition to dispensing with a filing cabinet full of Braille records "larger than myself," says Mr Freeman, the latest acquisition will make a big difference to his daily activities.

He explains: "The system will allow me to take full responsibility for the company in the way I would if I had sight."

"For example, until now I have had the post read out to me on a tape and I have had to write down the figures on Braille strips, checking them each week to calculate salesmen's commission."

"These figures can now be posted straight on to the machine for automatic calculation, and be constantly available to me."

"Similarly, I can speak with authority to the bank manager about our sales expectations because the computer gives me greater awareness. I can now take a much greater interest in the money and management side of the business."

This new-found interest extends from spreadsheets to networking services such as home banking, which he is discussing with the Bank of Scotland.

Electronic mail is also under consideration, and the addition of a smaller machine for taking notes which can be later fed into the main system. Once this is all in place, Mr Freeman says, "sight will not be a tremendous advantage in running the company - I will have the ability to do things in the same way as everybody else."

High-tech mower makes its entrance

From Richard Pawson in Tokyo

Ask the man in the street which household chores he would most rather be done by a robot, and you can bet that mowing the lawn will come high on the list.

The dream of the robot lawnmower came one step closer to reality with the announcement of a driverless grass-cutter by the Japanese tractor manufacturer, Kubota. Strictly speaking, the PS-2100 is not a robot, but what the hoffins call an RCV -

Robots

remote controlled vehicle. But just like the RCVs employed in space exploration or deep-sea salvage, Kubota's mower contains an awful lot of robotic technology.

If this sounds like the ideal instrument for getting one up on the Joneses next door, be warned. It costs £15,000. Nonetheless, Kubota's robot mower is a real product. It has a genuine market in local authorities with steep or awkward grassland to be maintained.

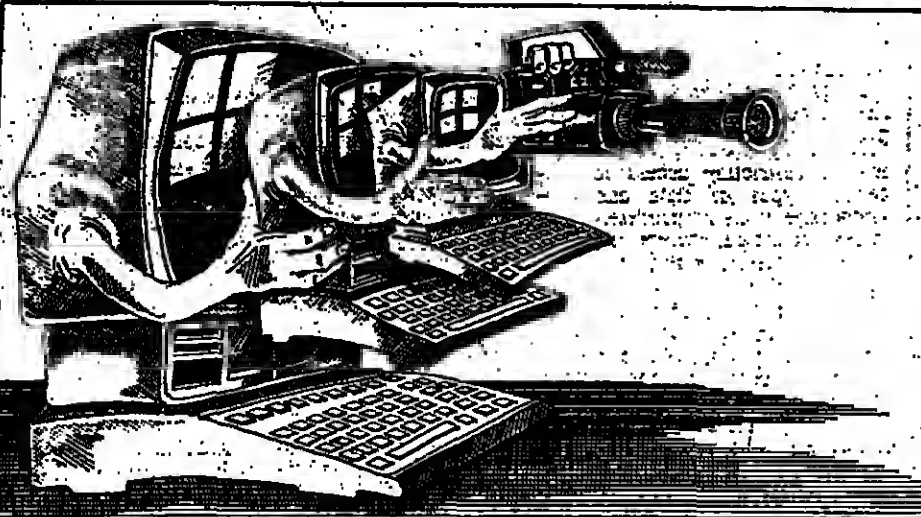
Steep banks pose too high a risk for conventional ride-on mowers and are generally tackled by swinging hover-

mowers on the end of a long rope. With the PS-2100, however, the driver can dismount and operate the mower from a safe distance via a radio-control link.

Underneath the motorcycle-style driving saddle, for use on gentler terrain, sits a dedicated microcomputer to provide the electronic control and the vital safety systems.

Meanwhile Kubota's advanced engineering facility is concentrating on other applications, like automated cultivators for rice paddies.

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Why disguises do not fool the Wisard

By Nick Hampshire

There is one thing that the brain is very good at: recognizing patterns. We do it all the time when looking at something recognized as a familiar visual pattern. When we listen to a sound, we recognize the pattern of a spoken word or some music.

We are all the time classifying patterns and even the classified patterns are grouped together and reclassified as an identifiable group of patterns.

The brain is good at this because it has an enormously parallel structure which allows vast amounts of information to be input and compared to previously perceived patterns stored in the brain.

Conventional serial computers, even machines with the power of a Cray-1, are too slow to be able to perform such functions in anything like "real" time. The problem can be seen when analyzing vital data obtained from a video camera.

A video image is of reasonable quality monochrome it will require a data input rate of more than 50 million bits a second, and if the image is in colour, the data rate would be well over 150 million bits a second.

Using a conventional computer to classify a video image would require that each bit be input, processed, and the resulting processed image would then have to be compared to a set of image templates which take an enormous amount of machine time.

Few existing computers could even hope to keep pace with the data input of TV picture resolution. The answer to the experts, is to abandon the serial computer architecture first proposed by John von Neumann in 1944 and on which virtually every existing computer is based. The alternative to a serial computer, which performs one command after another is a parallel machine which performs many tasks at the same time.

Parallel computers can take many forms. They can be a

network of what are essentially serial computers designed to communicate easily with each other as well as input and output data to the external world.

Examples of this sort of parallel computer are the new fifth-generation supercomputers based on the Iliac Transputer. Alternatively they can be based on an entirely different principle, which owes much to our understanding of the way nerve cells work. These are known as neural net machines.

Though many researchers have worked on neural net machine design over the years, most computer scientists have dismissed them in favour of the much better understood serial machines.

One of the problems has been that neural net machines are not programmed in the conventional manner but are

The machine has been developed at Brunel and has attracted support from diverse groups

self-learning machines which are programmed by exposure to data.

This means that mathematically they are neither easily understood nor in the real world situation predictable. But they make excellent pattern classifiers.

Neural networks as pattern classifiers were examined again by Professor Igor Aleksander at Brunel University in the late 1970s. Out of this early work has emerged a pattern classifier which exhibits both remarkable accuracy, speed, and versatility.

The machine, called Wisard, has been developed at Brunel by a team headed by Dr John Stonham and has attracted support and interest from organizations as diverse as Barclays Bank, the Home Office and De La Rue.

produced at low cost, its main components being ordinary RAM memory chips.

Unlike ordinary computers, there is no pattern recognition program stored within it because it recognizes patterns solely on the basis of having seen that pattern before. The more times the machine is exposed to a pattern, the more positive it is in recognizing that pattern.

The machine receives its input from a video camera and has proved remarkable in the speed and accuracy with which it can recognize faces; indeed it is the first device in the world to do this at the rate of 50 full images a second, the standard TV image-generation rate.

Another remarkable feature of the system is that once it has learned to recognize a face, it will still make a positive identification irrespective of whether the person has a smiling or gloomy face, is wearing spectacles for the first time or wearing a false beard.

This ability of the Wisard machine to recognize even though it is incomplete or slightly different from the training pattern has meant that it has attracted interest in many areas. Barclays Bank is interested in using it for automatic signature verification and De La Rue has constructed a very high-speed banknote identification system based on Wisard.

Besides these obviously commercial applications, Dr John Stonham's team is also looking at applications such as vision systems for the blind, speech-recognition systems for the deaf and in conjunction with Hillingdon Hospital, a special foetal-growth monitoring system.

The Wisard machine is being produced by Computer Recognition Systems of Wokingham in collaboration with Brunel University. Dr Stonham believes the machine has a great future as a powerful general-purpose pattern recognition peripheral for the fifth-generation computers running artificial intelligence software. Wisard type machines could become its eyes and its ears.

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The Government's position is clear. "This country is no longer in a position to regard university and polytechnic research as somehow separate from our survival in international markets," said Geoffrey Pattie, Minister of State for Industry and Information Technology, at the Alvey conference in July.

The Government has adopted the carrot and stick method. Steadily reducing central support has forced universities to form development companies to market what each has to offer.

Naturally, the technological universities have gone furthest down the road. Salford now gets 39 per cent of its non-university grants committee funding from industry and has built that figure from 16 per cent since the swinging cuts of 1981.

Heriot-Watt University, near Edinburgh, comes close behind, but its collaboration has developed over many years, boosted by North Sea engineering contracts.

This stick has been balanced by the carrot of Department of Trade and Industry funding and the removal of legal constraints. Universities may now market their own ideas while polytechnics are free of restrictions originally placed to prevent local authorities from setting up development companies.

Getting news of new academic research and potential applications to the business world, and bringing the two together, is a major problem. One of the best ways is to attend the annual Techmart conference, Britain's only technology transfer ex-

The Techmart exhibition opens today, putting the emphasis on how teams can work with science and industry

hibition, which begins today, at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham.

New databases, sponsored by the Department of Trade and Industry, are BEST, which carries detailed information on expertise and services available in Britain's universities, polytechnics, colleges and government research centres, and OTIS, that does essentially the same job for innovation reported from foreign countries.

The exhibition is at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, and is open until November 14

Much development of university and college ideas are now handled by the British Technology Group (BTG) which promotes the transfer of technology from UK public-sector sources.

The group handles patent application and protection at no cost to the university or college and can help with further development to produce a marketable product.

The group identifies companies which might be interested in marketing, or development under licence, and contribute significantly to invisible exports - 70 per cent of fee income comes from overseas.

A new organization, Defence Technology Enterprises (DTE), does much the same job for defence research centres. Since defence swallows more than half of Britain's research funding, there is im-

mense potential for commercial exploitation of normally hidden developments.

Much collaborative research involves direct contact between university and industry. For example, one Alvey-sponsored project, funded by £7.5 million, involves the development of a computer workstation that will operate by recognizing spoken commands.

This is a collaboration between scientists at Plessey-UK, the Husat Research Group, Imperial College and the University of Edinburgh.

The basic hardware is now working and a lexicon of 5,000 words is already in place.

On a smaller scale, Bristol Polytechnic is collaborating with Du Pont Connector Systems on a £170,000 project to develop an integrated system of sensors and control equipment for quality checks on the company's production lines.

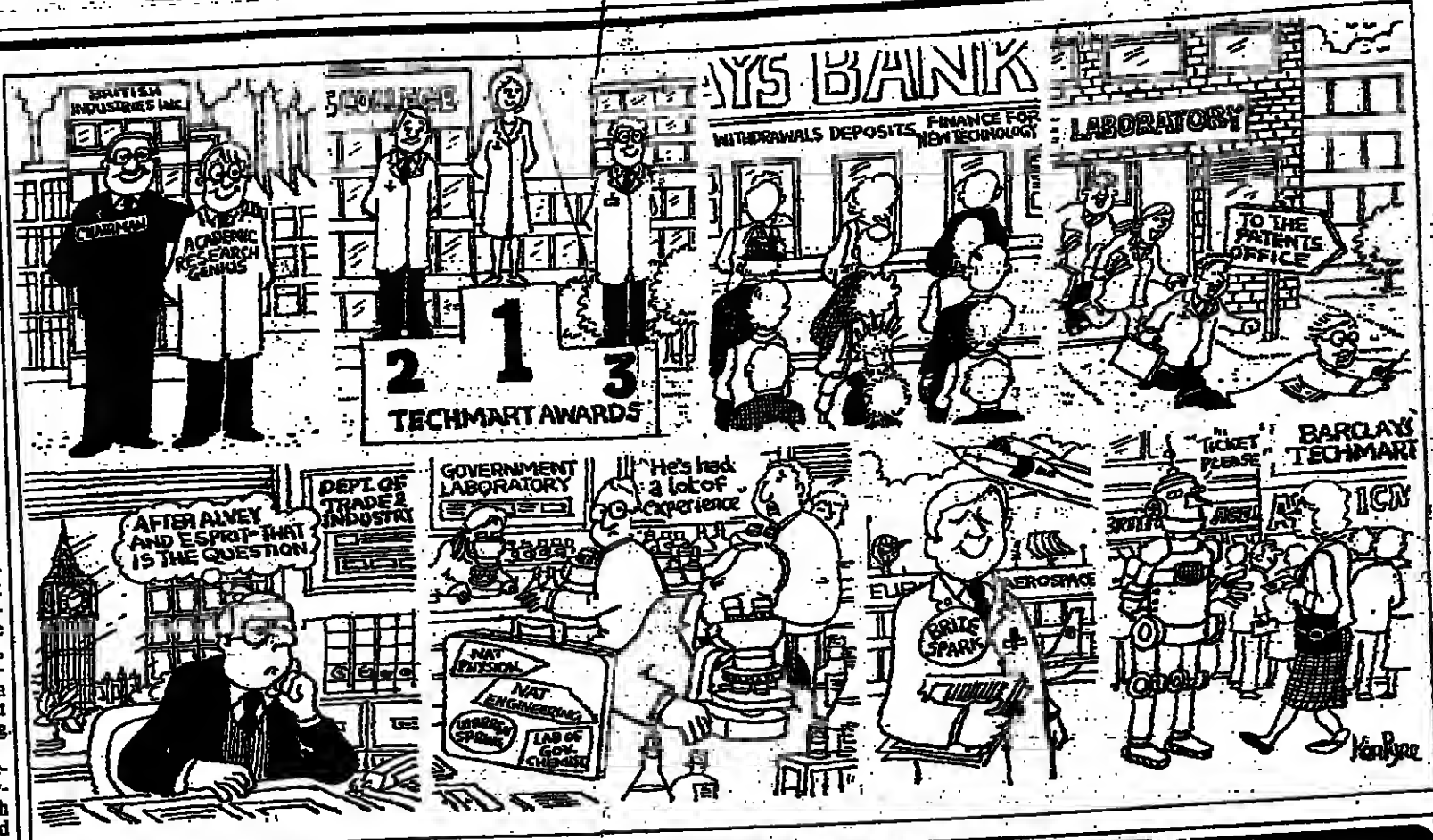
In some cases the co-operation can become close. Cadbury Schweppes and Tate & Lyle are two major companies that have their own research and development laboratories at Reading University - a trend that is likely to spread.

More and more companies are making use of universities to solve their production problems. Collaboration between the Department of Production Engineering at Nottingham University, Stevens and Williams (the manufacturers of Royal Brierley crystal) and Glassworks Equipment has produced a robot that can cut fine patterns into glassware.

Lancashire Polytechnic has been working with British Aerospace on the testing of bonds between pieces of carbon fibre composite material. The new equipment shows the result instantly on a monitor and is faster and cheaper than conventional testing. The idea should find a ready market in the car and aircraft industries.

As visitors to Techmart will see, collaboration has at last taken off in Britain and companies can now face the prospects of world markets with renewed confidence.

Keith Hindley



Millions ready for new ideas

The acquisition and transfer of innovation within British industry is being promoted by a number of official organizations.

This year the Department of Trade and Industry will spend about £440 million on a welter of schemes from major national programmes, such as "Alvey" or "Support for Innovation", to dozens of projects intended to raise awareness within industry of the commercial value of new developments.

In 1982, a committee chaired by John Alvey recommended a major British initiative in information technology (IT) in the face of research programmes planned in Europe, America and Japan. The Government quickly accepted that the benefits of IT can be applied throughout business and will be central to Britain's ability to maintain a sound industrial base.

The result is the Alvey programme, funded with £150 million from industry and £200 million in public funds. After three years, practically all the cash has been committed to 187 full industrial

projects and 116 smaller university studies overseen by an industrial "uncl".

In all cases the hallmark has been collaboration between cap and gown. Despite doubts voiced at the outset that industry and universities would not work well together, a recent survey found co-operation good or excellent in 71 per cent of the projects.

The average of four partners to each project are typical: two or three firms to one or two universities. Some 53 universities, 11 polytechnics and 19 companies are now involved.

In general, the scheme appears to be working well and exceptionally so in areas such as expert systems where only the US can match recent British research.

Alvey involves "pre-competitive" collaboration and early critics suggested its "academic" research would be hard to exploit. The firms in most groups already have detailed plans to develop the commercial potential of their work and, in a few cases, products based on early research will be marketed next year.

The scheme has led to the return of several outstanding British researchers to UK laboratories.

The Department of Trade and Industry's "Support for Innovation" programme can provide up to 25 per cent cash grants for firms developing products that appear to have commercial potential. The scheme is one of the most successful launched.



£10,000 winners: Dr Yelland, centre, with his microware engineering team, at Newport, Isle of Wight

THE WINNER

The £10,000 first prize in this year's Barclays Techmart Award has gone to Microware Engineering Designs, a company based in the Isle of Wight that was started in 1984 by a group of engineers from Plessey Radar's solid-state transmitter group.

The company, which now employs eight people, started doing consultancy and contract design in microware engineering. It has also been developing a microware system for treatment of cancer.

The system will be used for a technica known as hyperthermia which involves heating the tumour within narrowly controlled limits.

The treatment will be used to complement other techniques such as radiation therapy and chemotherapy.

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quick appreciation of commercial possibilities, no matter how bizarre the product, and a quick decision on support.

The department also furnishes a wide range of schemes, such as the business technical advisory services and many "awareness" projects which offer advice to firms about to try a new technology for the first time.

Such schemes are not necessarily free. Many rely on commercial fees to cover their running costs - for example, the national Software Tools

Demonstration Centre in Manchester, which can help companies plan the start-up or development of their computer facilities.

But the picture is not all rosy and the Department of Trade and Industry's support in a new area is temporary and only lasts until industry fully recognizes the commercial potential. Britain has always lagged behind in automation and in recent years the department provided up to one third of the cost of feasibility studies, robots and development costs.

When robot sales picked up, the grants were cut to 20 per cent and then abolished altogether last June.

Geoffrey Pattie, Minister of State for Industry and Information Technology, has warned that programmes like Alvey should soon have fulfilled their pump-priming task and collaborative projects could then continue without further help.

Getting the new policies right will be central to maintaining Britain's position as a major industrial nation.

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Star Wars spin-offs: can Europe spend enough?

Aerospace projects such as the Tornado and Jaguar fighters, the Ariane space launcher and the Airbus airliners provide striking examples of European collaboration between companies from several countries jointly backed by their respective governments.

The cost of such major research and development projects is now so high that few European manufacturers and even fewer treasuries could foot the bill alone.

Collaboration now provides the only way for European aerospace companies to compete successfully in prime international markets chain-to-chain with the US aerospace giants.

Is it possible for similar success on a more modest scale to follow from co-operation between smaller companies? "Yes," say many European politicians and business executives who have leised on collaboration at all levels as the way to reverse what they see as the recent decline in European technology.

The EEC has sponsored a whole range of industrial support schemes, such as Esprit,

Race, Sprint, Brite and Eureka, which are intended to foster collaboration and instil a greater awareness of wider European and world markets.

Esprit was launched in 1983 to encourage European universities, companies and research institutes to work together developing Europe's base in information technology.

It was not intended to produce marketable products but to fund "pre-competitive research": essentially basic development, providing about half the cost of each idea.

More than 200 EEC projects involving around 2,000 people have been supported from the £300 million in the kitty, but many small companies found Esprit a disappointing experience. The cash went mainly to Europe's 15 leading electronics companies which mopped up 80 per cent of the fund.

Even recipients have found that working with foreign partners is not easy. It requires management skills that few European firms yet possess and some have seen up to 20 per cent of funding vanishing on solving problems and

acquiring experience.

Eureka was launched last year, inspired by a French determination that the domestic spin-offs from US Star Wars research should be matched by support for European high-tech developments.

In reality, any military emphasis quickly evaporated and the scheme instead provides support for collaborative research on commercial products with clear market potential, especially markets outside Europe.

The project was deliberately planned with no central funds to prevent bureaucratic blockages within the European Commission. So far about £1 billion has been promised by individual governments supporting 75 projects, and another 50 applications are being considered.

The initial enthusiasm for Eureka has faded. The plan will never match the £20 billion planned for Star Wars research. Input from each government will be modest and most will take it from already budgeted national research funds.

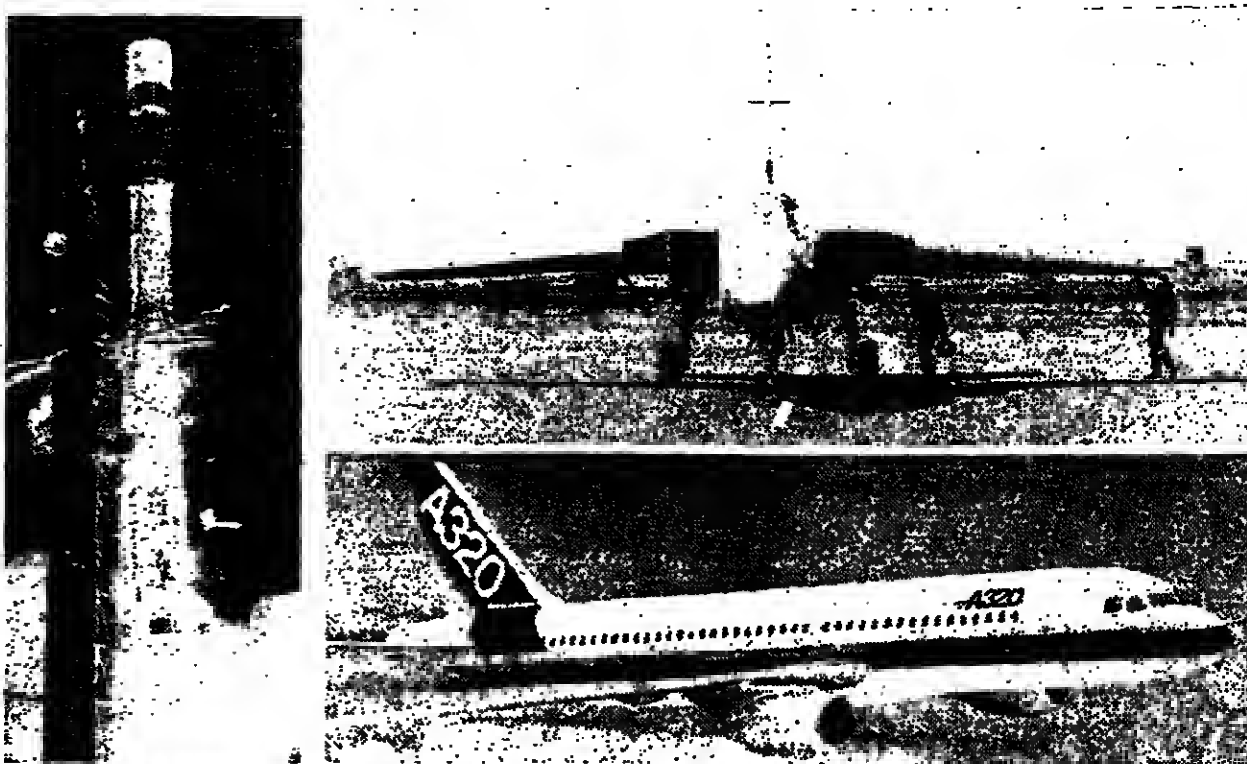
In Britain there will be no "new" money for the pro-

gramme and many big companies are sceptical about the long-term value of Eureka compared with Esprit. Small firms, in contrast, are enthusiastic as the more loosely defined research goals involved give them a much better chance of being funded.

Overall, though, the impact Eureka will have comes down to funding and that, at the moment, is modest.

The Race project launched in January this year is intended to provide Europe with a sound base in optical-fibre research, which is central to many Star Wars projects. An initial one-year phase has involved £33 million spent mainly to define better the areas requiring hefty support if Europe is to stay competitive.

The Brite project, founded in 1985, is intended to foster the introduction of advanced technologies to the more traditional industries by educating management.



European collaboration in the air: Ariane space launcher, the Tornado fighter and the Airbus

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The commission itself and most of the smaller countries wanted to approve £6,200 million - whereas Britain, France and West Germany proposed only £2,500 million - almost entirely for nationalistic reasons.

West Germany, for example, is particularly opposed to the Race project, jealous of sharing the lead that the Siemens Corporation is

thought to have in fibre optics. Geoffrey Pattie, Britain's Minister for Information Technology, faces a mammoth task as president of the Council. The overall package must be approved unanimously before detail can be discussed and agreement must be reached by December 9 when funding for many projects runs out. We have

another EEC cliffhanger.

Whatever level of funding is finally settled, everyone seems agreed that recent EEC initiatives have at last persuaded companies to seek European partners and look more aggressively as Europeans at world markets.

Keith Hindley

Achilles Club on the attack

The Government is giving more emphasis to research into programmes that have a spin-off in commercial innovation.

Governments need to support research and development for several reasons. New knowledge and new technology are needed in obvious areas such as defence, health, safety and environmental protection.

Another category is for basic research in applied science and engineering and only the Government has the incentive or the ability to make the investment.

The work may be done in government establishments or by commercial contract. The Department of Trade and Industry has four industrial research establishments.

One of the great services these centres offer to medium to small firms is that they have large test machines and experiment rigs that are too expensive for the average company to contemplate.

The one that is perhaps best equipped and most clearly directed toward industry is the National Engineering Laboratory. With the excitement over the expansion of the service sectors of commerce, Donald Bell, the laboratory's director, believes it is sometimes forgotten that engineering is still the major wealth creation industry in Britain.

His team is involved in contract research and design.

The cost of corrosion

If the exclusiveness of a club is reflected in its annual subscription, then the new Achilles Club would appear to be an elite institution. The subscription is £5,000 a year.

In practice, the organization is original for rather different reasons. Its members are industrialists, manufacturers, engineers and designers whose job it is to combat corrosion.

The cost of corrosion each year to government, local authorities, industry and consumers is incalculable. So one of the Department of Trade and Industry's research centres, the National Corrosion Service of the Government's National Physical Laboratory, formed a scheme to allow the knowledge gained in solving problems of corrosion in one branch of government or industry to be available to the other.

It is a joint project with the Metals Technology Centre of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, which gave birth to the Achilles Club.

The venture is based on the fact that the prediction of how corrosion characteristics determine the life of an object

and the pattern of maintenance of machinery - and the choice of specific materials - are tasks that need expert knowledge and judgement.

While corrosion is a wide field, the number of experts are few. Against that background, the club was formed to combine the latest developments in information technology, data base management and "knowledge-based" engineering, with corrosion expertise and expertise from many sources into "expert systems" to give advice and consultancy.

The object is to create a computer system that can be interrogated from any part of the world. The sort of questions it answers are: What should any given component be made from? How can it be best protected? How will it affect the rest of the structure? Will it last for the design life?

Keeping an eye on safety

The Laboratory of the Government Chemist may conjure up in some people's minds the picture of a national pharmacy. A more familiar memory may be associated with the identification by the laboratory of possible drugs seized by Customs and Excise. Its analysts handled 17 tonnes of cannabis and 300 kg of heroin, representing more than 2,000 seizures.

Others may recollect that the tables of rankings for the tar and nicotine yields of brands of cigarettes are based on surveys carried out every six months by this laboratory. Another LGC group gives advice on the safety of toys.

A similar case involved the banning of toys such as scented erasers which had the appearance of sweets and could be swallowed by mistake. In the course of the work a technique was developed to identify odours in these products and the same method has been used to identify volatile compounds emitted from bath soaps, scented dolls, polystyrene granules for bean bags and lacquered light bulbs.

But the LGC can keep up with the hundreds of new substances and foodstuffs brought in each year for analysis only by developing new chemical sensors and instruments for detecting small traces of novel compounds.

Those same methods, which were developed by the LGC to protect £12,000 million in government revenue collected in excise duty and other tariffs, are available for "trouble-shooting" for industry, product development or determining the quality of a substance.

Protecting the environment

The first edition of an occasional publication called Acid Rain Newsletter was issued recently, showing the pattern of acid rain in the UK obtained from a national network of collectors. The surprising thing is that the periodical comes from the Warren Spring Laboratory, one of the Department of Trade and Industry's research establishments.

While the laboratory's work in a whole range of air pollution problems was for government departments, WSL is a centre of growing consultancy and research for industry on atmospheric pollution problems. One of the commercial needs is to measure emissions from chimneys and vehicle exhausts to comply with the many new laws being introduced for protection

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Matthew Bullock (centre) surrounded by his Barclays hi-tech group: from left, back row, Brian Willatts, David Killick, Phil Traynor, Simon Summers, John Charlton, Martin Akers, Bill Lanny, Tim Streetfield-James and John Church; centre left, Bob Byrne and Arthur James

Matthew Bullock of Barclays believes in the "bootstrapping" approach to start-ups. He talked to MALCOLM BROWN

The British and the Americans have quite distinct approaches to starting up high-tech businesses, says Matthew Bullock, a corporate finance director of Barclays Bank.

"In Britain people say: 'Go get yourself some money, then get yourself into business.' In America they say: 'Go get yourself a contract and you're in business.'"

Mr Bullock, who is in charge of Barclays' high technology team, thinks we should be adopting the American way. The traditional British technique, which Mr Bullock calls the "crock of gold" approach, involves finding yourself a banker or a venture capitalist who will put a lot of cash up front for development work, production and marketing.

He does so in the hope that the product will be so wonderful that the world will beat a path to your door.

The trouble is that high-tech is a capital hungry business - Mr Bullock estimates that even a relatively low cost business, such as electronics, can cost between £300,000 and £750,000 to start up - and there are few money men around with the kind of risk capital necessary.

There are even fewer scientists and technologists who really understand the financial mechanics of a start-up.

"We find that people con-

centrate very much on the development expenditure and possibly the production expenditure and quite underestimate marketing," says Mr Bullock.

He recalls the old IBM rule of thumb which says that, in proportional terms, it costs "one" to develop the product, "three" to bring it to production and "nine" to market it. "We would certainly endorse that."

Barclays' own high-tech team - 150 managers spread through more than 60 branches near the main research centres - have drawn a lot of their experience from America, he says.

He describes the basic technique Barclays likes clients to adopt as 'bootstrapping'.

The scientist or inventor should first get a sale, then go to his bank and ask it to help him to finance the sale. That kind of approach makes the figures in the IBM rule much more palatable.

"You've defined the market so you've taken nine out of your equation and, because the 'XYZ' corporation is technically sophisticated you've certainly reduced the performance risk. So you can start to diminish the risk on both sides of the equation."

Mr Bullock and his team think the bigger British companies and Whitehall, particularly the Ministry of Defence, are slowly beginning to understand the role they can play in providing the initial contracts which make the start-up companies "bankable."

Barclays is also trying to encourage what it calls

"incubators." Because the transition from full-time employment to running your own business is daunting, the more gradual it can be made the easier and less risky it will be.

Organizations such as universities or government research laboratories can give people who want to start on their own both time and the use of equipment - so they are sheltered from development costs up to the point at which they can obtain finance.

Cambridge University, which Mr Bullock was deeply involved in, has a benign attitude towards staff who want to set up their own companies. Others are now following its lead.

"We're seeing many more universities such as Oxford, Southampton, Warwick, where the university is taking a much more relaxed view of the academic starting up his own business."

He believes Barclays is the only bank in Europe taking this targeted approach to start-ups. "We've spent a lot of time studying our experience, focussing it in these branches," he says.

"Some of the more experienced branches are handling 40 to 50 hi-tech accounts in a branch, so the manager really does know what he's talking about."

The bank is not simply guiding people to sources of finance or lending on its own account, but also helping them with things like the preparation of business plans.

From seawater to a rolling road

THE FINALISTS

The finalists in this year's Barclays Award were:

● **Bifouling and Corrosion Control Ltd.** A company spun out this year from two Sheffield University departments (Zoology and Electronic and Electrical Engineering) where researchers were investigating how organisms in sea water react to pollution. They have devised a means of using electrolysis to produce a mixture of copper and chlorine that is disliked by the micro-organisms which foul the seawater carrying pipes. Instead of settling on the by now uncoagulated pipe walls, the micro-organisms are simply swept through the pipes with the water.

● **Keymat Technology.** London-based. The company was set up this year as an offshoot of a West London design consultancy, Pankhurst Design and Development. It has developed a range of sealed keyboards for use in hostile environments. The company wanted something

environmental hazard. Could be used in cooling systems for ships or power stations.

● **Instech.** Based at Netley Abbey, Hampshire. The company, set up in 1984, makes specialist instrumentation for the gas and petrochemical industry to monitor such things as the flow of gas and oil and the pressures involved. It is considered a business that is particularly strong in marketing and product development.

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which had many of the advantages of membrane keyboards, the type often found on microwave oven control panels, but not the disadvantages. Membrane keyboards can be made in many shapes or colours, which is a big plus, but they do not respond in any pronounced physical way to touch.

Keymat has developed a one-piece, rubber-mat keyboard with much better feedback. A thin wall section around the perimeter of each key (the keys are raised above the general level of the mat so it looks like a normal "qwerty" keyboard) buckles with a snap action when a certain finger pressure is applied.

In the depressed position the carbon-loaded, under-surface completes an electronic circuit and the corresponding letter is printed.

● **Metaforth Computer Systems.** Founded in September 1984 by two Hull University academics. It has developed a novel form of computer architecture which will make it possible to build computers that are four or five times faster than those conventionally used in applications such as process control.

● **Technoform Sonics.** Based at Brierley Hill, West Mid-

lands. A company spun out from the University of Aston two years ago. University researchers developed a means of using ultrasonics to vibrate pipes which they wanted to bend or draw.

The reason? When ultrasonically vibrated it takes less energy to bend the pipe. The company is designing and making tube-drawing and tube-bending units which take advantage of this.

● **Unit Load Technology.** A small company set up in Manchester earlier this year which combines the fork-lift truck and a "rolling road" to wrap loads.

The fork-lift truck deposits its load on a turntable. The truck's wheels drive the rolling road and the rolling road's rollers, coupled to the turntable, drive it round. The result is that the polythene or other wrapping material is pulled around the load on the turntable.

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A guide to job opportunities

Putting the customer first

What do these jobs have in common? Helping to develop a new electric cooker, providing information on a city's environmental services, instructing the mentally handicapped and organizing the home help service. They are often undertaken by a home economist.

Those who took home economics at school possibly connect it with cooking, nutrition and dressmaking and little else. But home economics, studied at degree or BTEC higher national and diploma level, is a multi-disciplinary subject, covering not only food and nutrition, but consumer and household studies, communication, social studies, business studies and applied sciences.

These jobs represent only a tiny proportion of the vast field in which home economists are equipped to work which in general are divided into four main areas.

The first is consumer advisory services, either with a local authority (usually within the trading standards department) or within commerce and industry, including the fuel industry. In both cases home economists act as a link between manufacturer or retailer and the customer.

Working for a local authority, they may be approached by a ratepayer who is dissatisfied with the quality of a pair of shoes, which the shop has refused to take back. First, the consumer services officer will try to resolve the problem with the shop manager. If this doesn't work, she will advise on the buyer's rights, and in some instances take it to the county court.

Manufacturers and retailers usually employ people to deal with customer's complaints, but they also provide advice. One large supermarket chain, for example, has installed home economics kitchens in all its superstores. Here customers can put their queries on all aspects of cookery and the home and take part in testing sessions, before giving their views on product quality. Supermarkets also employ home economists to write cookbooks and leaflets and, in some cases, as buyers of groceries and household goods.

Before any new product appears on the market, retailers and manufacturers have to undertake considerable research and development, which brings us to the second area in which home economists are frequently employed.

In the food, domestic appliances and fuel industries, they cooperate with industrial designers, engineers, scientists, food technologists and marketing personnel in the development and packaging of all types of product.

The third area involves communications - the provision of information by the spoken and the written word, in newspapers, magazines, on TV and radio, and during talks and presentations. There are also good openings for

Home economics studied to degree level is a multi-disciplinary subject that offers a wide selection of prospects.

Joan Llewelyn Owens looks at four major areas in which the home economist will work

teachers who can put over their subject. Finally we come to community services. Many home economists are members of social services teams, or work as home help organizers. In one county, a home economist is responsible for food, domestic management and laundry across the county, in all types of residential establishment and day centre. In the case of the elderly, for example, efforts are made to provide a balanced diet which will ensure a better quality of life for them.

A training in home economics equips people not only for many different careers, but also to move from one type of work to another. Several of those to whom I have talked have made that switch.

Cathy Morton Lloyd, senior home economist with Thom EMI major domestic appliances, was previously a home economics adviser with the Electricity Board. Now she is involved in the development of electric cookers.

Working with designers, engineers and marketing, she helps to produce cookers which look good, cook to British Standards requirements, satisfy factory production standards, and are easy to use, service and clean.

"We can influence design and change components," she explains. "As well as looking at cooking standards we consider the ease of use of things like control knobs and door handles. But when this exhibition demonstrates, TV commercials, consumer research and writing of all kinds.

No reference so far has been made to men. Giles Staddon, who recently qualified at Birmingham, is baffled as to why more men have not joined the profession; it's a good alternative to hotel and catering work.

The Government, too, would like to see more men qualifying as home economics teachers. Certainly home economics is a career for anyone, of either sex, who is flexible, quick to absorb information, able to originate ideas and, above all, a good communicator.

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Station, who undertook the microbiological testing. Home economists like Cathy also write instruction and cookery books and frequently attend photographic sessions, having previously prepared the food to be featured in any literature.

It is their job, too, to provide marketing with information to be used for sales letters and TV or press advertising, and to ensure that any claims made are backed up with solid evidence. When new products are launched, they may give demonstrations or talks.

This ability to communicate is one that is encouraged on all home economics courses. It is particularly useful for someone like Gillian Dandy, an account manager with Leslie Bishop, public relations consultants.

She works mainly for a client who produces tinned cream, evaporated milk, hot chocolate and other drinks. After taking a BTEC higher national diploma at Birmingham College of Food and Domestic Arts, Gillian spent six months as a chafet girl in Switzerland. Afterwards, through contacts provided by the college, she got her first job in public relations in Birmingham, and later moved to her present firm in London.

She handles two accounts, providing news releases and dealing with press relations, often writing features herself. When a cookery feature is suggested, she liaises with a magazine's cookery editor and they agree on a theme, bearing in mind her client's products. Afterwards, Gillian writes a recipe development brief with the home economist who devises the actual recipes, and attends the photo sessions.

Opportunities also occur for experienced home economists to do freelance work. A glance through the directory compiled by the Institute of Home Economics shows them to be involved in such varied activities as product and recipe development, food photography, appliance testing, lecturing and exhibition demonstrations, TV commercials, consumer research and writing of all kinds.

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The Board has a staff of some 400 persons based at its headquarters at Chilton in Oxfordshire and its laboratories in Leeds and Glasgow.

The Director is expected to provide the scientific leadership of the staff and to maintain the Board's reputation as an authoritative point of reference, both at home and abroad. Candidates should already have a considerable reputation in one of the fields involved in radiological protection, with a demonstrated capacity to manage both the scientific and commercial aspects of a medium-sized institution. The appropriate qualifications and professional experience are likely to have been gained in the fields of physical, biological or medical sciences.

The salary will depend on the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate, but will not be less than the Board's equivalent of the minimum of Civil Service Grade 5.

Applications, with a.c.v. which brings out appropriate relevant experience together with the names of two referees, should be addressed to the Chairman, National Radiological Protection Board, Chilton, Didcot, Oxon, OX11 0RQ, to arrive by the 3rd December 1986.

National Radiological Protection Board

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Application forms and further details are available from Deirdre McGrath, Chief Personnel Officer, PO Box 57, Civic Centre, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 2XJ. Tel: 01-863 5611 Ext. 2136. The closing date is 21 November. The present Chief Executive, David Adams, is available for informal consultation on ext. 2183.

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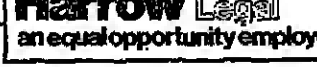
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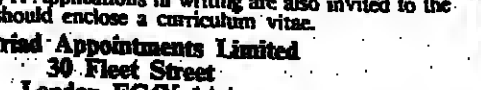
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Police access to pictures justifiable

Ex parte Bristol Press & Picture Agency Ltd

Before Lord Justice Glidewell and Mr Justice Otton

[Judgment November 7] A judge exercising his powers under section 9 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 to order production of material for the purposes of a criminal investigation, was entitled to draw the inference that press photographs of riots which were sought in being likely to be of newsworthy interest which might be of value in a criminal investigation.

The judge was therefore entitled in fact that the access conditions in paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 of the Act were satisfied and that the police sought even though the police were insufficiently specific as to which photographs were required and to which incidents they related.

Mr Ian Macdonald for the applicants. LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that on September 12 and 13, 1985 there were serious disturbances in the St. Pauls district of Bristol in the course of which petrol bombs were thrown, people were robbed and assaulted and premises were damaged.

Consequently a number of people were charged with a variety of offences including robbery, theft and arson.

The applicants were an agency providing photographs for the local and national press and a director and member of staff were present at the disturbances on each day.

The police believed that some or all of the photographs taken by the applicants were likely to assist in showing details of the offences. Therefore the police made a request to the applicants to be allowed to see the photographs taken.

The applicants declined to comply with the police request and the police made an application under section 9 of the 1984 Act to be given access to the photographs.

The police application was contested by the agency and heard by Mr Justice Glidewell and Mr Justice Otton. The applicants now sought leave in apply for an order of certiorari to quash that decision.

Since Mr Justice Glidewell had been sitting in Bristol as a circuit judge, his decision was amenable to judicial review. The application came before Mr Justice Otton who refused leave but the application was now renewed. Mr Justice Glidewell had taken the view that the Divisional Court was not bound by his decision in which to renew the application.

Mr Macdonald said the present application was a criminal matter, not because his clients had committed a crime, but because it was a criminal cause or matter as in Bonaduni v Secretary of State for the Home Department (1985) QB 675.

Section 9 of the Act detailed the circumstances in which a constable might obtain access to excluded material or special procedure material for the purposes of a criminal investigation. The photographs were special procedure material.

Schedule 1 of the Act provided that if on an application by a constable a circuit judge was satisfied that certain access conditions were fulfilled, he might make an order that the material should be produced or that access to it should be given.

The first condition was that a specific offence had been committed and the applicants admitted the existence of that condition. Two further access conditions under paragraph 2(a)(ii) and (iv) of Schedule 1 were that the material was likely to be of substantial value to be of investigation in connection with which the application was made; and that the material was likely to be of newsworthy interest.

Mr Macdonald submitted that the material sought had in fact been related to some particular criminal offence and there had in fact been reasonable grounds for believing that the material was related to some criminal offence.

"On the contrary, the inference I would draw in the absence of evidence is that photographers would take pictures (if they could) of assaults, and other acts of violence or damage for the very good reason that these are newsworthy."

The judge himself gave the answer to Mr Macdonald's submissions in those sentences. It was not to be supposed that the photographs were of people going about their lawful business, and the court could not shut their eyes to that.

Photographers would take photographs of newsworthy events and therefore the judge was entitled to conclude that the material before him satisfied the access conditions in paragraph 2(a)(ii) and (iv) of Schedule 1 of the 1984 Act.

The public interest was in the press being free and in being able to go about their activities in safety. Mr Macdonald said that the judge spoke of the public interest in relation to the particular events when he said: "There is a very great public interest that those guilty of crime, and particularly of serious crime involving widespread public disorder, should be brought to justice."

Equally, there is great public interest that those who are innocent but who may be suspected of crime should be cleared and, if possible, eliminated from the criminal process. Photographs that are likely to assist in the identification of persons of benefit to the investigation."

The absent words that they applied to this case were to be implied. The judge concluded in favour of granting the application and it was a matter for his discretion. He applied the right test, committed no errors of law, and his decision was not of irrelevant ones and therefore the application for leave to seek judicial review of the decision failed.

Mr Justice Otton agreed. Solicitors: Bindman & Partners.

normal Ferb pattern and swung round to the south, it would have been the prudent move. Chris Dickson, aboard New Zealand, took his yacht in to the shore and fortune went with him. The fickle breeze, now down to around four knots, shifted to the east for a quarter of an hour. As the 12-metre glided into the orange buoy it was easy to see the lead had changed, but hard to see by how far.

On the first leg of the reach to the wing mark, with both boats on an identical course, Dickson - by now a kilometre ahead - was suddenly sailing in new breeze from the south-west while America II wallowed in calm water with her spinnaker flapping.

Thereafter the wind settled into a regulation, if mild, late afternoon sea breeze and the America II team had no hope of closing such a margin, surely one of the widest ever between such equally matched yachts. The start and the first two legs had gone the way John Kolius wanted. As the one-minute gun boomed out, he led New Zealand out towards the spectator fleet hovering to the right of the committee boat. Both skippers wanted the southerly end of the line and a series of luffing duels, in the light easterly breeze.

One minute before the start gun the 12-metre split tacks; beat the underdogs as expected. Within the Bond syndicate Australia II almost had her day. The light-weather specialist led around every leg until the final beat. Yet having been 5min and 38sec ahead at the bottom mark she was defeated by five seconds at the finish line. South Australia managed to drop a genoa in the water at the third windward mark in just six knots of breeze. No wonder crewmen are swept off when it blows 30 knots.

CHALLENGER SERIES RESULTS Status: Stars & Stripes 42sec, Canada II 41sec, Challenge France, 8:02 White Crusader to Heart of America, 7:10 New Zealand to America, 12:32 French Kest in Eagle, 1:13 USA to Italia, 3:58

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TODAY'S RACES: Italia v French Kest; Stars and Stripes v White Crusader v Azura; New Zealand v USA; Challenge France v America II; Heart of America v Canada II

When acquittals should be put to jury

Regina v Cooke

Before Lord Justice Parker, Mr Justice Hodgson and Mr Justice Macpherson

[Judgment November 5] There were circumstances in which a jury, considering a defendant's challenge to a police officer's evidence of alleged admissions, should be informed that the jury had acquitted other defendants against whom the essential evidence was the same officer's evidence of alleged admissions.

Such circumstances were where the alleged admissions had been obtained by the officer from different accused, in respect of the same group of offences as part of a connected series of interviews over a short period, where the interviews were alleged to have been fabricated; and where the alleged admissions were the essential evidence against one or more of the accused who were nevertheless acquitted.

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) accordingly granted Gary Hamilton, Cowan's appeal against his conviction at Croydon Crown Court on November 21 (Judge Clay and a jury) of four counts of conspiracy to commit various offences of forgery and dishonesty.

Mr Michael West, QC and Mrs Leslee Fleishman, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the applicant; Mr Charles Tilling for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant was arrested on March 9, 1985 with others including William Sheridan and Donald Downie Cowan. According to police evidence the three men were separately interviewed on March 9 and 10 and in the course of the interviews Sheridan and Cowan made detailed admissions of robbery.

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They were acquitted on that trial, all three then made formal complaints that the alleged interviews had never taken place. At the appellant's trial for offences arising out of the same series of events, evidence was given by DC Spreckley of admissions said to have been made by him at the interviews. In the course of the trial

contained no more than 50 milligrammes of alcohol, that that specimen be replaced by "such a specimen as may be required under subsection (4)", that is, a specimen of blood or urine in accordance with the provisions of that subsection.

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Upon the authorities of Howard v Hallatt, Anderson v Lyvage (1985) RTR 393 and Johnson v West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police (1986) RTR 167, the specimens of breath were not admissible unless provided pursuant to the procedure laid down by section 8, as substituted, and a part of that procedure was, as established by Johnson, that the driver was to be told of his right to claim that the specimen of breath be replaced by a specimen of blood or urine under section 8(4).

That procedure was not followed and it was not relevant to inquire whether events would have taken a different course if it had been followed, or whether the departure from that procedure was shown to have caused any detriment to the driver, or whether the departure resulted from honest error or deliberate unfairness.

Order is invalid as against non-party

In re P. Turner (Wilsden) Ltd

Specifically authorized by any provision of the Companies Act 1985.

Relief, whether final or interlocutory, could only be granted if there was a party. There had to be a party or immediately contemplated, to which he was, or was in, a party.

Final relief could only be granted upon the trial of an action, or other originating process, and interlocutory relief could only be granted in effect, protective of a claim for final relief.

It was necessary that the relief should know what final relief was sought before granting the interlocutory relief.

Leave to appeal was granted against the appellant's conviction for conspiracy to commit various offences of forgery and dishonesty.

Mr Guy Bostey for the prosecutor; Mr Alastair Malcolm for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON said that after the defendant was arrested he provided two specimens of breath for analysis on a Lion Intoximeter 3000 machine. The breath test procedure was correctly carried out and both specimens revealed an alcohol content of 50 microgrammes in 100 millilitres of breath.

The police officer conducting the test then innocently, but in violation of the defendant's right to provide a specimen of breath, on pain of prosecution. The defendant provided a sample of blood which was found to contain 100 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood.

The justices upheld a submission of no case to answer on the basis that the provisions of section 8 (6) had been strictly applied with to permit the admission of breath or blood samples in evidence.

That submission was made out. The specimen of blood was not provided pursuant to the provisions of the 1972 Act, and upon the principle stated in Howard v Hallatt (1984) RTR 353, was therefore not admissible.

The justices were wrong to exclude the evidence of the breath specimens by reason of the provisions of section 8(6), as substituted. That section gave the driver the right to claim that the specimen of breath with the lower proportion of alcohol

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Leave to correct error in names refused

Wardman Paul Ltd v Kensington General Commissioners and Woodtrek Ltd v Same

HIS LORDSHIP said that the naming of the wrong commissioners by the companies was a serious error. Moreover it had not gone unnoticed - the inland Revenue had pointed it out in correspondence to the companies' advisers in June 1985.

Had it been a mere clerical error that had gone unperceived then the applications to amend and to extend the time for service of the notices of motion would have succeeded.

The Rules of the Supreme Court were there to be observed. The companies had sought to put right the clerical errors and their applications to amend were refused.

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ICE HOCKEY Wasps put to flight by Barons

By Norman de Mesquita

Jamie Crapper, the only Canadian to be sacked by two Heineken League clubs, must have derived a lot of satisfaction from the first premier division win of his new team, Solihull Barons.

It was a surprising 7-1 success over the former Barons team, Darham Wasps. A vital contribution came from their goaltender, Graham, who saved 66 of 67 shots and was beaten only by a deflection off a defender.

Five Flyers continue to slump, and suffered two more defeats. 12-3 at home to Nottingham Panthers and 9-3 away to Ayr Bruins. This was a particularly important success for the Panthers, since it will give them a psychological boost for Saturday's Norwich Union Cup final against the Flyers.

Panthers were unlucky not to win in Dander the following evening and, once again, it was former Czechoslovakian international Jozsef Lyecka, who made the difference. He had four goals and two assists as the Rockets gained their fourth successive win which took them to the top of the table.

Many-sided Racers are the only unbeaten side in the premier division and the return of Haad is an important factor. He scored six goals in a 13-7 win against Strathgarn Redwings, a scoreline that flatters the Redskins, who were outclassed in all departments. Rick Ferris also scored six times, and the Racers have scored an impressive 53 goals in four games.

Lee Valley Lions, with away wins over Sunderland Chiefs and Kirkcaldy Nestrels, have moved to the top of division one and, having improved their scoring potential with the signing of two Americans, they have turned to Scotland to strengthen the other end of the team with the acquisition of Paul McCarvie, a goaltender, from Glasgow.

The Big Bang of deflation is rare in Mansell's world

By John Blunsden

The dramatic retirement of Nigel Mansell from the Australian Grand Prix was a sad consequence of the 1986 world championship brought to focus the role played by tyre manufacturers in Formula One racing.

Yet apart from mid-race pit-stops, the dexterity of team personnel changing a set of tyres and wheels in less than eight seconds has brought a new dimension to the entertainment value of grand prix racing, tyre wars with various weathermen - until something goes spectacularly wrong, which is not often.

The statistics of the season which has just ended, when drivers failed to finish on 222 occasions (a retirement rate of about 54 per cent), show that engine or turbo-related problems accounted for 45 per cent of failed transmissions troubles for 17.5 per cent, collision damage for 15 per cent and electrical failures for 8.5 per cent. Tyres were the direct cause of less than two per cent of all retirements.

This is a formidable record of reliability by tyre manufacturers, whose products are among the most severely tested of all the components of a grand prix car and the most varied in specification from one race to the next. Long past are the days when a supplier could produce just three types of tyre for a season - for dry, intermediate and wet conditions.

Today's tyres, whether "wet" or "dry", are designed for the expected demands of each circuit. These periods are used in close liaison with their leading contracted teams and each year between 30 and 40 days are devoted to tests on selected tracks. These periods are used in particular to test new tyres which have been developed for possible use in future races. Despite all the care, something unforeseen can occur.

In preparing for Adelaide, Goodyear chose a construction - used this year in Monaco, Canada, Detroit and Hungary - but with a slightly different tread compound designed to overcome a phenomenon encountered at the circuit last year known as "graining" - a scuffing of the tread as a result of wheel-spin on the newly laid surface.

Motor racing

Defender series results

Australia IV to Australia III, 5 sec; Kookaburra III to Kookaburra II, 2:25; Kookaburra I to South Australia, 3:25

Defender selection standings

Kookaburra III 11 13 Australia IV 10 12 Kookaburra II 10 12 Australia II 2 8 4 South Australia 2 10 2 Shark 'n' Koolhaas 2 10 2

TODAY'S RACES: Kookaburra III v Kookaburra II; Australia III v South Australia; Australia IV v Shark 'n' Koolhaas

Big scores dominate county picture

By Joyce Whitehead

There was some surprising results, and some big scores, in the penultimate weekend of the women's territorial county championships. On Saturday, in Manchester, Lancashire trounced Durham 10-0. Souyevy and Mawdsley led the team with three goals apiece. Lancashire had 12 penalty corners to Durham's one. However, on Sunday, Durham managed a 2-2 draw with Manchester while Lancashire beat Northumberland 6-0. In all, Lancashire scored 27 goals, while conceding just two in six matches. Yorkshire, equal on points, have 18 goals to their credit with three against. The two sides meet on Sunday week at Silksworth, Durham.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Daur and Peter Davalle

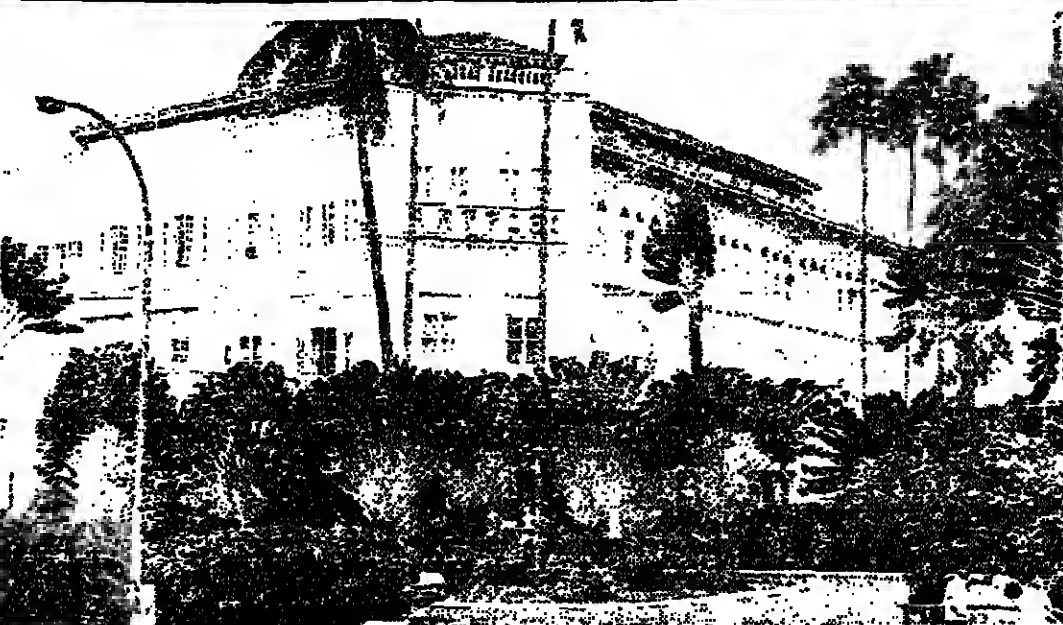
The news - straight from the horse's tail

As in newspapers, so on television. There are those who sit at desks and process the work of others. I cannot tell whether Sandy Gall, a familiar face among ITN newscasters, finds the sedentary life congenial or not, but he is given to vanishing every so often, going after the news instead of merely reading it. And so, in Afghanistan: Agency of a Nation (ITV, 10.30pm), we have the spectacle of Gall hanging on a horse's tail and being pulled up a mountain in north-east Afghanistan to the company of a company of Mujahideen guerrillas. Three times in the past four years Gall has gone out to Afghanistan to see how the fighters are faring in their war against the Afghan army and the Soviet invaders. In tonight's updating report, which deals as much with the plight of the

refugees who have fled into neighbouring Pakistan as it does with the short and sharp attacks of the Mujahideen launch on their enemy, there is vivid visual underlining of what the UN's special rapporteur says in his quotation with which the film ends: "Continuation of the military solution will lead inevitably to a situation approaching genocide". The action sequences focus on the quiet personality of the guerrilla leader, Ahmed Shah Masud, whose command has now spread across five provinces. Gall believes Masud has the calibre to become a national leader. Given the breathtaking nature of the guerrillas' sorties - and tonight's film includes a very detailed account of an attack on a heavily defended fort - it will be nothing short of a miracle if Masud

manages to survive that long. Best of the rest on television tonight: A Medieval Affair (BBC2, 7.40pm), a Timewatch film that explains why Britain, having produced the Domesday Book 900 years ago, still has not followed it up with another public register of land ownership; and Arthur Penn's superior detective thriller Night Moves (BBC2, 9.00pm) which gave Gene Hackman, as the detective, one of his meatiest roles. The Raffles Hotel, Singapore (Radio 4, 8.30pm) is a centenary tribute to an establishment that has lost some of its former glory. Last games are the days when schoolteachers shot tigers under the hotel billiards table. Maugham sat under the frangipane trees writing his tales of colonial life, and Dutch archaeologists, not content with gobbling up the vast

menu from starters to dessert, then proceeded to eat it all again - in reverse order. Some of the old glories remain, however. Kippers can still be had for breakfast. 4,000 Singapore slings are poured out on busy days, and the new Italian proprietor has revived colonial tiffin curry which was once as much a feature of life at Raffles as the Palm Court. Best of the rest on radio: Billie Whitelaw stars as the matriarchal monster in Maxim Gorky's Vassa Zheleznyova (Radio 3, 8.00pm), a somewhat ridiculous play about a family at war with itself; and A Man and His Music, Benny Green's comprehensive life of Frank Sinatra is repeated, beginning tonight with an extract of the early years (Radio 2, 9.00pm).



Raffles Hotel, - the Savoy of Singapore. The Tuesday Feature, Radio 4, 8.30pm

Peter Davalle

BBC1

- 6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.
6.30 The Flintstones. Cartoon series.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; regional news and travel at 7.15, 7.45, 8.15 and 8.45; weather at 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55.
9.05 Neighbours (r)
9.25 CBI Conference. The address by the Secretary of State for Energy, Peter Walker, followed by the debates on Energy and the City. The commentators are Vincent Hanna and James Long.
10.30 Play School with Chloe Ashcroft and Ben Thomas. (r)
10.55 Five to Eleven. Alan Bennett with a thought for the day.
11.00 CBI Conference. The closing session, including the address by the retiring Director General of the CBI, Sir Terence Beckitt.
12.30 Blackweek. Tony Soper and Nick Davies report live from the Wildfowl Trust, Slimbridge. 12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 News with Martyn Lewis.
1.25 Highways.
1.50 Melbourne suburb 1.50 Stop-Go. A See-Saw programme for the very young. (r)
2.00 Film: Waterloo Bridge (1940) starring Vivien Leigh and Robert Taylor. Romance, set in First World War London, about the love affair between a young British officer and a dancer who takes to the streets. Directed by Mervyn Leroy.
3.50 Jimbo and the Jet Set (r) 4.00 The Chuckleheads. 4.05 Captain Caveman. Cartoon adventures of a Stone Age hero. (r) 4.15 Johnny Briggs. Serial about a young boy living with his parents in the north of

BBC2

- 5.00 England 4.30 Record Breakers presented by Roy Castle. John Craver's Newsroom 5.10 George Hill. Episode 11 and Ant is in trouble again with Mr Bronson. (r) (Ceefax)
5.35 Mistertan. Quiz game for teams.
6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.25 London Plus.
7.00 Telly Addicts. The Solomons from London, as challenged by the Byrne family from Aberdeen. Introduced by Noel Edmonds.
7.30 EastEnders. Another crisis hits the Fowler family. Debbie receives an invitation; Kathy has her interview with the Samaritans; and Den arranges to take Angie and Sharon for a night out. (Ceefax)
8.00 No Place Like Home. Domestic comedy series starring William Gault and Patricia Galloway as a married couple trying to cope with fractious adult offspring.
8.30 Yes, Prime Minister. Problems loom for Prime Minister Jim when, with the government facing a financial crisis, both the MPs and top civil servants ask for a pay rise. (r) (Ceefax)
9.00 News with John Humphrys and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.30 All the Best - Dave Allen. Highlights from the comic's previous series.
10.00 The Television Explosion. James Hogg reports on Europe's television explosion and what it may mean for everybody.
10.50 Film 86. Barry Norman previews the 30th London Film Festival which includes the premieres of two British films - Nicholas Roeg's Castaway, and Ken Russell's Gothic. Showcase 86. Part three of the series showing a selection of the 600 films and videos made by under-25s for the Radio 2. 11.20 21st Century Film and Video awards. 12.10 Weather.

BBC2

- 9.00 Gherber. Magazine programme for Asian women. 9.25 Interval.
9.25 Daytime on Two: Living in Austria - a language resource programme 9.32 Children from schools in Croyd and London find living things a source of inspiration for art projects. 10.15 The story of a girl who befriends a badger 10.38 The importance of measurements in science 11.00 The story of the inventor of the 'meat' Mr Magnuss is waiting for you.
11.17 The history of the coal mining industry in South Wales. 11.40 Wondermaths 11.57 Maths investigations 12.00 The story of a girl who befriends a badger 12.40 Part two of the series on the art of political lobbying 1.05 Yesterday's news as seen by viewers of a French television station 1.38 Walrus. 2.00 You and Me. (r)
2.20 Songs of Praise from Coventry and Dresden. (r) (Ceefax)
3.00 Men Who Came Back. Television's former exiles from Britain, America, Australia, Germany and Israel, recall their war experiences. 3.55 Regional news and weather.
4.00 Pamela Armstrong. What do you do when you discover your child has a gift or talent at an early age?
4.30 Flood on Fish. Keith Floyd tastes some of the fruits of the sea in Bristol. (r)
4.50 The Dying Swan. An award-winning documentary about the plight of swans of which some 3,000 die each year through poisoning from anglers' lead weights. (r)
5.00 Schoops. Part featuring the Wolverhampton Children's Band; the King Edward VI College, Stourbridge, Flute Quartet and Electronics, and the Academy of St Philip's, Birmingham.
6.00 No Limits. Rock magazine programme.
6.50 Just Deceit. An unemployed teenager and an elderly teacher who is being forced to retire join forces to ensure those who made their life a misery will get their just deserts. (r)
7.20 Best Breakfast Talks. Top actor Jeremy Irons.
7.40 Timewatch: A Medieval Affair. Peter France and Dr Christopher Dyer of University of Birmingham re-create medieval life.
8.30 Food and Drink. This first of a new series includes a report from New York on what happened when 800,000 children were taken off junk food. Psychologist Alex Schauff analyses the remarkable findings.
9.00 Film: Night Moves (1975) featuring Gene Hackman and Susan Clark. A thriller with Hackman playing a private detective looking for a runaway teenager. He finds the girl but then becomes involved in smuggling and the girl's family's difficult relationships. Directed by Arthur Penn.
10.35 Newswatch 11.20 Weather.

ITV/LONDON

- 9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Schools: Physics - the electromagnetic spectrum 9.55 Children discuss the issues they think need help 10.09 The impact the arrival of twins has on a family 10.25 Parliamentary lobbying 10.48 Geography - soils 11.10 The versatility of the human voice 11.27 The importance of teeth and how to look after them 11.44 How the mystery. Mr Magnuss is waiting for you.
12.00 Tickle on the Tum. Village tales for children. (r) 12.10 Rainbow (r) 12.30 The Gulliverts. Drama serial about an Australian family during the Forties.
1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkinson 1.20 Thames news.
1.30 Sorrell and Stan. Episode one of the story of an impoverished First World War hero's struggle to raise his son as a gentleman. (r) (Ceefax)
2.30 Daytime: Mike's Evil of Bom Bed. A discussion on the nature of evil with contributions from, among others, Julie Mitchell, Jeremy Hammer's girlfriend, Jimmy Boyle, and Brian Masters, biographer of mass murderer Dennis Nilsen.
3.00 Three Little Words. Quiz game presented by Ray Allen 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 The Young Doctors. Medical drama series set in a large Australian city hospital.
4.00 The Ruddy Game Show 4.10 The Television 4.20 C.A.B. Drama serial 4.45 Splash from the National Motor Cycle Training Centre; and a behind-the-scenes look at the making of Star Trek.
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart 6.00 Thames news.
6.25 Reporting London. Graham Addicot reports on how London's local authorities are fighting to restore the regulations concerning heavy

CHANNEL 4

- 7.00 lorries on the roads; and Angela Lambert examines the high costs of housing. Emeralds Farm. Has Sandie turned her back on Emeralds?
7.30 George and Mildred. George tries to look on the bright side after his bugle pops his perch.
8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight Live. The entertainer's guests include Freddy Starr, Stan Boardman, and Engelbert Humperdinck.
9.00 First Among Equals. Episode seven of the dramatization of Jeffrey Archer's political intrigue best seller, and Andrew Fraser, now a Labour government minister, tries to keep news of Louise's suicide attempt suppressed. (Ceefax)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 Viewpoint 86: Afghanistan. Sandy Gall reports from Russian-occupied Afghanistan. (see Choice)
11.30 Hammer House of Mystery and Suspense: Czech Mate. Susan George and Patrick Mower star in this story of how an innocent woman is being smuggled by British intelligence to a Czech girl into Britain. (r)
12.55 Night Thoughts.
6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Geoff Meade. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.40 and 7.45; cartoons at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; and Jeni Barnett's postbag at 8.35. The After Nine guests include psychologist Sheila Kurcz and Janette Cook, a tall blonde victim, with her newly-born child.

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VARIATIONS

- BBC1 WALES 5.55pm-6.00 Wales Today. 6.30-7.00 Computer Challenge. 8.30-10.00 Wales Today. 12.10-12.45 News at One. 12.45-1.15 News at Two. 1.15-1.45 News at Three. 1.45-2.15 News at Four. 2.15-2.45 News at Five. 2.45-3.15 News at Six. 3.15-3.45 News at Seven. 3.45-4.15 News at Eight. 4.15-4.45 News at Nine. 4.45-5.15 News at Ten. 5.15-5.45 News at Eleven. 5.45-6.00 News at Twelve.
BBC2 SCOTLAND 8.30pm-9.00pm. 11.25-11.55 A Party Political Broadcast (Scottish National Party). 12.00-12.30 News at One. 12.30-1.00 News at Two. 1.00-1.30 News at Three. 1.30-2.00 News at Four. 2.00-2.30 News at Five. 2.30-3.00 News at Six. 3.00-3.30 News at Seven. 3.30-4.00 News at Eight. 4.00-4.30 News at Nine. 4.30-5.00 News at Ten. 5.00-5.30 News at Eleven. 5.30-6.00 News at Twelve.
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CENTRAL As London except: 12.30-1.00 Gardening Time. 1.00-1.30 Central News. 1.30-2.00 Central News. 2.00-2.30 Central News. 2.30-3.00 Central News. 3.00-3.30 Central News. 3.30-4.00 Central News. 4.00-4.30 Central News. 4.30-5.00 Central News. 5.00-5.30 Central News. 5.30-6.00 Central News.
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Germans say pollution chemicals were stored near Rhine illegally

By Our Foreign Staff

The chemicals which caught fire at the Sandoz plant in Basle and led to deadly pollution of the Rhine 10 days ago were stored illegally, Herr Walter Wallmann, the West German Minister for the Environment, said yesterday.

He said a report from the insurers showed that the building in which agricultural chemicals and other materials were stored had been approved in 1977 for storing machinery only. But chemicals had been put into the building in the same year without obtaining permission.

Herr Wallmann said Sandoz had not observed all safety precautions in the building. He said the Swiss authorities were slow to warn West Germany of the gravity of the pollution and at first told them there was no need to worry about it.

Toxic waste reached the North Sea yesterday as countries bordering the river agreed to meet tomorrow in Zurich to discuss compensation and how to improve co-operation.

A Dutch Transport and

Waterways Ministry official said his minister, Mr Nelie Smit-Kroes, and other ministers from Rhine countries had agreed to meet at a hotel near Zurich airport for talks covering the Swiss chemical factory accident.

Dutch waterways officials said the highest concentration of pollution was passing to the west of The Netherlands and flowing rapidly towards the North Sea through Rotterdam.

Countries along the river continue to express anxiety about the possible ecological consequences of the accident, in which tonnes of pesticides, mercury and other chemicals poured into the Rhine at Basle after a fire at the plant.

In Zurich, ministers from The Netherlands, West Germany, France, Luxembourg, Switzerland and EEC officials will discuss how to compile compensation claims, improve alarm systems on the river and tighten co-operation.

The Dutch will host a meeting in The Hague about three weeks after the Zurich

gathering to see what progress has been made in evaluating the disaster.

Mr Smit-Kroes was said to be alarmed by the accident and at the apparently hazardous way Switzerland informed other involved countries. The French Environment Minister, M Alain Carignon, described the spillage as an ecological catastrophe.

BRUSSELS: The EEC Commissioner for Environment Policy, Mr Stanley Cliston Davis of Britain, yesterday called for an urgent meeting to discuss the discharge of chemicals (AP reports).

The chemical fire at Basle and the consequent poisoning of the Rhine have driven home the importance of international action to deal with pollution problems, Mr Cliston Davis said.

PARIS: Authorities in the French Rhineland city of Strasbourg prepared decrees to be issued late yesterday which prohibited fishing in the Rhine and the adjoining Alsace Canal for the next six months (AP reports).



Tamil ordeal by fire

A Tamil militant trainee leaping over flames at a training camp in southern India last week. The camp is operated by the Tamil Eelam Liberation Organisation, which is fighting the Sri Lanka Government. The Indian Government last weekend placed militant Tamil leaders under house arrest.

Nakasone tries to reassure Peking

From Robert Grievess, Peking

Japanese officials in Peking said yesterday that the weekend visit here by Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, Japan's Prime Minister, though only 25 hours long, was crucial in the development of Sino-Japanese relations.

The officials cited last year's amendment of Japanese history textbooks, which relieved Japan of all responsibility for its invasion of China in the 1930s, and Chinese questions about Japan's political stabil-

ity in the wake of Mr Nakasone's election to a third term, as the key factors behind the visit.

Japan these days is particularly concerned with China's political sensitivities. Mr Nakasone's visit last year to the Yasukuni Shrine, which honours Japanese soldiers who took part in the invasion of Manchuria, infuriated Chinese students, who then staged protest demonstrations. Such sentiments were re-

SPD hopes drop after Hamburg poll shock

From John England Bonn

West Germany's Social Democrats (SPD), still numbed by their shock defeat in the Hamburg state election on Sunday, signalled yesterday that they have given up their dream of winning an absolute majority in the federal election in January.

Party leaders meeting in Bonn to hold a series of post-mortem discussions in their disaster in Hamburg, which was the SPD's worst election performance since the war, said its goal now was to prevent Chancellor Kohl's conservatives gaining an absolute majority in the capital.

In a landslide against the SPD on Sunday, the party dropped nearly 10 per cent of the vote to end up with 41.8 per cent and the loss of its absolute majority in the state assembly, which it has ruled for about 30 years.

The Christian Democrats (CDU) increased their vote by 3.3 per cent to 41.9 per cent to emerge the strongest party, but not powerful enough to form a majority government.

The CDU now has 54 seats to the SPD's 53 in the 120-seat parliament, and the balance of power is held by the Green-Alternative List (GAL) party, which strengthened its vote by 3.6 per cent to 10.4 per cent for the remaining 13 seats.

Herr Klaus von Dohnanyi, the SPD leader in Hamburg, is now expected to have talks with Herr Hartmut Pirschau, his CDU counterpart, on forming a so-called Big Coalition of their two parties. Herr von Dohnanyi has rejected outright any alliance with the Greens.

European Parliament Pflimlin may foil UK presidency

From Richard Owen, Brussels

M Pierre Pflimlin, the president of the European Parliament, may obstruct a forthcoming British bid for the presidency this month by standing again despite his advanced age, Euro-MPs say.

M Pflimlin, aged 80 in February, fears that once he relinquishes the presidency the Parliament will vote to move from Strasbourg to Brussels to be at the centre of EEC decision-making.

A move by M Pflimlin to retain the presidency would be a blow to the political ambitions of Sir Henry Pimh, Conservative MEP for the Cotswolds and leader of the Conservative group in the European Parliament.

Sir Henry has made no secret of his willingness to be put forward and is almost certain to be nominated next week in Strasbourg as the official candidate of the Conservatives, with support from the Christian Democrats.

Between the two groups form a slim centre-right majority in the chamber.

Sir Henry, a widely liked figure, is respected for his experience (he was formerly head of the National Farmers Union), despite his lack of continental languages.

Together with a widespread feeling that Britain should have its first turn in the presidential chair since joining the EEC in 1973, this high regard is expected to outweigh doubts about Sir Henry's qualifications when the vote takes place at the beginning of next year, assuming that M Pflimlin agrees to step down.

Most Euro-MPs agree that Britain is now playing a full role in Community affairs and the British commitment to the

EEC is not questioned as much as it used to be.

The Socialist Opposition has so far failed to agree on a candidate to succeed M Pflimlin, who is due to step down by the end of the year.

Herr Ewald Ammann of West Germany, the leader of the Socialist group, does not command full support on the left.

Señor Enrique Barón Crespo, the Spanish Socialist MEP, who has been mentioned as a contender, is disqualified on the grounds that Euro-elections have not yet been held in Spain and, like other Spanish and Portuguese MEPs, he is a national MP seconded to Strasbourg.

Many MEPs take the view that Britain should have the presidency for the first time since joining the EEC in 1973.

As a former Mayor of Strasbourg, M Pflimlin was almost single-handedly responsible for persuading the Parliament to hold its debates in Strasbourg.

Some MEPs favour remaining in this historic medieval town, partly because of the lavish facilities provided at the Parliament's modern building.

But a year ago Parliament voted despite objections from French MEPs - to fund the building of a new chamber in Brussels, where the Parliament's committee rooms already are and where the Commission and the Council of Ministers meet.

MEPs feel a move to Brussels would further enhance the Parliament's role on the EEC power structure at a time when it is being given extra influence under the EEC reforms enshrined in the Single European Act, which comes into force on January 1.

EEC-US tensions over trade expected to grow

Sydney (Reuters) - A senior European Community official said yesterday that trade tensions between the United States and Europe were likely to rise following this month's US Congressional elections.

Mr Willy De Clercq, EEC Commissioner for External Relations and Trade, told reporters that Democratic Party control of both houses of Congress would make it difficult for President Reagan to

oppose protectionism.

Mr De Clercq, here for an Australia-EEC ministerial conference in Canberra, saw no quick solution to trade problems between the two sides.

The US and EEC have been undercutting each other in selling subsidized farm products to world markets, drawing criticism from Australia and other agricultural exporters.

Surprise phone call from Mubarak Egypt's PM forced to go

From Robert Fisk, Cairo

The "resignation" of Mr Aly Lutfy, the Egyptian Prime Minister, and his Cabinet on Sunday was not voluntary. President Mubarak, it transpired yesterday, summarily dismissed the 14-month-old administration for what amounted to incompetence.

Mr Lutfy's sacking took almost every member of the Cabinet by surprise, not least the Prime Minister himself. Mr Lutfy apparently arrived at his office opposite Parliament House in the centre of Cairo on Sunday morning with no idea of his fate. He only found out that he was to go when he received a telephone call from Mr Mubarak asking for his immediate resignation.

According to very reliable sources in Cairo, the Lutfy Cabinet had not only failed to steady the decline in the Egyptian economy, but had begun to break into factions,

one of which is said to have been led by Field Marshal Abdul-Halim Abu Ghazala, the country's powerful Defence Minister. Unable to produce any co-ordinated economic plans or stabilize rising prices, the President - already under pressure from the International Monetary Fund - had no option but to fire his Prime Minister.

For domestic consumption, the Government suggested that Mr Lutfy's departure was a voluntary act and he was prevailed upon to issue a copy letter of resignation, referring to the need for another group of "Egypt's children" to take over the Government. But Mr Atef Sedki, the economist asked to form the new administration, was as surprised at his appointment as Mr Lutfy was by his dismissal.

Mr Lutfy's only consolation is his new role as a member of the Shura Council, a consul-

tative group that advises the Government and whose members are mostly appointed by Mr Mubarak's own National Democratic Party.

Mr Lutfy had been in the midst of negotiations with the IMF for \$1 billion credit when he was fired.

According to sources close to the Government, Mr Mubarak was worried that Mr Lutfy was going too far to meet the demands of IMF bankers. He had reportedly already agreed to a demand for high bank interest rates and a realistic foreign exchange rate, decisions that Mr Mubarak feared would result in so sudden an increase in prices that he might be faced with civil unrest on a scale similar to that faced by President Sadat during the 1977 food riots.

Mr Sedki intends to retain half the members of the previous Cabinet.

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7th	Kleinwort Benson	+271.8%

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Botha visit to France will be ignored by Chirac Government

From Diana Geddes, Paris

President Botha of South Africa arrived in France yesterday for a 48-hour private visit which has already provoked numerous protests here and among African allies of France. He will not be received by any member of the French Government.

The South African Embassy said that the purpose of his visit was to inaugurate a war memorial at Longueval in Picardy to the 18,500 South African soldiers who died in France during the Second World War.

However, it is known that he wished to use the occasion to establish contact with the new right-wing French Government, in the hope of finding it more favourably disposed to Pretoria than its Socialist predecessor.

M. Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, said that he would have willingly received the South African President to inform him of France's "deep concern over developments in South Africa" and to reaffirm the Government's hostility to the policy of apartheid, but that such a meeting on the eve of the Franco-African summit in Lomé would have "shocked our African friends. They would not have understood".

When the Socialist Government boycotted Mr Botha's

last visit to France two and a half years ago, M. Chirac protested that he could not understand France's "ostracism" of South Africa.

However, now is clearly not the moment for M. Chirac to attempt to renew dialogue with Pretoria.

Other than sending back the French Ambassador to Pretoria in May after his recall

General Motors South Africa yesterday closed two plants in Port Elizabeth as a strike by about 2,000 workers entered its third week and disrupted plans to launch a new car (Reuter reports from Port Elizabeth).

nine months earlier, M. Chirac has followed the line on South Africa laid down by his Socialist predecessor, notably maintaining the economic sanctions imposed against Pretoria, despite his own publicly expressed doubts as to the efficacy of such measures.

On Sunday, France followed the example of its European partners, save Britain, in boycotting the Remembrance Day ceremonies in South Africa. Today the French junior Minister for War Veterans, who was to have attended the Armistice Day inauguration of the South

African war memorial at Longueval, will be attending memorial ceremonies in Paris instead.

Various groups, including the French Anti-Apartheid Movement and the Communist Party, are planning to hold demonstrations in protest against President Botha's visit at Longueval today.

Similar protests in Paris last week attracted several thousand demonstrators.

Security was tight when President Botha arrived on a special flight in Paris yesterday, accompanied by three Cabinet ministers including Mr R F "Pik" Botha, the Foreign Minister, and some 300 guests, most of them war veterans.

When the South African President last came to Europe two and a half years ago, he was received by several leading figures, including Mrs Thatcher, Chancellor Kohl, and the Pope.

President Mitterand leaves Paris tomorrow for a week-long African tour taking him to Guinea, Mali and Burkina Faso as well as to Togo for the four-day Franco-African summit which opens on Thursday. M. Chirac, also attending the summit, will visit Ivory Coast and Congo.



Mr Eugene Hasenfus, the US airman charged with trying to topple the Sandinista Government, inspecting at El Tule, Nicaragua, the wreck of the plane in which he was shot down last month on an alleged arms supply flight to US-backed rebels. He was led handcuffed to the site.

Mr Hasenfus was flown to the crash scene, in jungle south-east of Managua, with People's Tribunal officials.

Whaling station vandalized

From Tony Samstag, Oslo

Iceland's whaling station at Hvalfordhur, about 60 miles north of Reykjavik, has been badly vandalized, Icelandic radio reported yesterday.

The attack followed the scuttling of two trawlers, half the country's remaining whaling fleet, in Reykjavik harbour at the weekend.

Responsibility for the sinking of the trawlers was later claimed by the Sea Shepherd animal rights activist group in a phone call from Vancouver. The group, however, made no mention of the whaling station.

Although Iceland has complied with a moratorium on commercial whaling imposed by the International Whaling Commission, it has been quick to exploit a loophole permitting a certain amount of whaling for scientific research purposes.

US to help military industry in Greece

From A Correspondent Athens

The United States has agreed to help Greece modernize its military industry and forces under a joint defence co-operation agreement signed in Athens yesterday.

The five-year accord, an outgrowth of a broader one governing the operation of four US military bases in Greece, is intended to open markets for Greece's infant arms industry and provide easier access to American military technology.

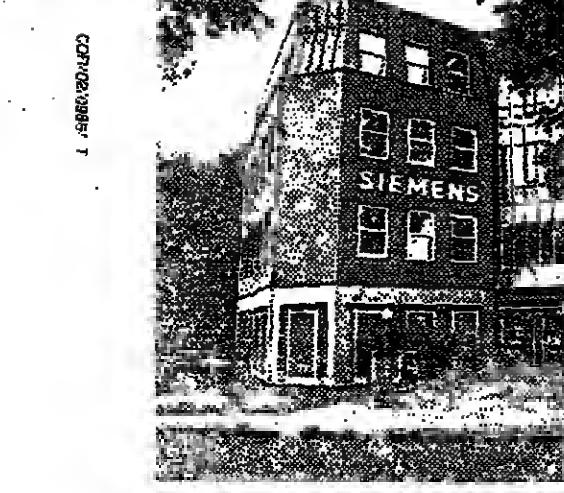
No dollar amount was attached to the agreement, the first between Greece and the US in the defence industry field.

The US Embassy said the agreement "reflects the determination of both nations to strengthen the alliance relationship through the elimination of barriers to trade and industrial co-operation".

It encourages Greek-US defence projects and permits industry suppliers in both countries to compete for defence equipment and services. Earlier this year Greece's Hellenic Aerospace Industry won a \$14 million (£10 million) contract to repair engines of the US F 4 jet fighters in Europe. Greece has also signed a letter of intent to buy 40 US-made F 16 jets.

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Religion occupies ideological vacuum

From Mario Modiano, Istanbul

The back window of a tekke, a convent belonging to a sect of Whirling Dervishes in Baglari, on the Asiatic side of Istanbul, overlooks the courtyard of two schools — one a new Koranic seminary, the other a boarding school set up by Christian missionaries two centuries ago.

"It is fascinating to watch the children play ball," says Mr Nezir Uzel, a layman associated with the sect. "On one side, there are girls in ankle-length skirts and headscarves, on the other the boys play in shorts and scanty clothing."

The neat, five-storey Koranic school was built by the local people for their children. "This is happening all over Turkey, even among the Turkish workers in West Germany," Mr Uzel explained.

"People want their own mosques and not those appointed by the state. So they build private mosques and schools." Some imams deliver highly critical homilies which are often recorded on tape and circulated among followers.

"Sometimes they make no distinction between the state, which people always held sacred, and the government in power," he said.

"The confusion could be dangerous since it implies that problems cannot be resolved simply by the interchange of parties in power." This is clearly where militant fundamentalism begins.

The resurgence of religion gives Turkey's politicians a platform to broaden their appeal, but it also offers Turkey's 13-odd tarikat, the Islamic societies that Ataturk had banned, a chance to emerge from their quasi-clandestine cocoons of mysticism and reach out to the masses.

The main society, the Nakshibendi, is an ancient order of Islam that greatly influenced Koranic teaching and interpretation. The society's main publication, *Islem*, sells 120,000 copies, twice as many as Turkey's biggest-selling intellectual secular weekly.

The rival order, an outcrop of this umbrella society, is the Nurca, followers of Said Nursi who was tried for sedition by the Young Turks in 1909. It publishes a magazine and pamphlets on specific topics, offering the Koranic argument on Darwin's theory, cybernetics, Marxism or the resurrection.

Another breakaway group, the Suleymanici, has gained enormous influence at home and among Turkish workers abroad.

"When we speak of influence by the societies," says Professor Serif Mardin, "we speak in terms of hundreds of thousands." These and other orders hold regular meetings and publish 22 Islamic periodicals with a total circulation of 450,000 copies.

The remarkable success of *Turkiye*, the Istanbul daily which advocates a return to religion, induced a liberal daily, *Gunesyolu*, to publish an Islamic statement with a rising circulation which offers its readers pictures of prim young girls in headscarves rather than bikinis.

Students of the Turkish social sciences agree that the appeal of Islam is on the rise, not only because of the social and economic pressures that have built up with mass urbaniza-

Islamic ferment in Turkey Part 2

tion, but also as a consequence of the ideological vacuum created by the suppression of communism after the 1980 military coup.

In university cities, student hostels controlled by the religious societies have a total of 150,000 registered students compared with only 62,000 in state-run dormitories. The number of students in Turkey who now attend seminars to become imams has reached 240,000.

"In the old days, the religious fanatics would recruit followers indiscriminately," says Mrs Gultur Gulturk, a journalist who is researching the phenomenon of the religious revival in Turkey. "Now they go for the talented students who show qualities of leadership and turn them into missionaries."

Suggestions that militant fundamentalism in Turkey is a spillover from Iran are dismissed, not only because the Iranians are Shia and the Turks Sunni but because "most Turks want religion as a way of life, not a way to power".

How far is this trend a reaction against Europe's marked reluctance to open its arms to Turkey as a fellow-European? Dr Mardin says: "It works both ways. It is a display of anger, but also an argument that, unless Europe recants, Turkey may drift away into unpredictable paths."

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Doubts over claim by Mozambique rebels

From Michael Hartnack, Harare

Business sources in Harare have dismissed a claim by the Mozambique resistance movement to have breached the strategic Beira corridor at four key points.

The rebel claims to have killed some 300 Zimbabwean and Mozambique troops in taking the towns of Dondo, Tica, Mafoaga and Bandula have been described as "fantiful" by travellers who have recently returned from Mozambique.

They report that attempts at sabotage are, however, fairly common along the vital 200-mile artery which links the Zimbabwean border city of Mutema with the Indian Ocean port of Beira.

Maputo yesterday for talks with Soviet, Mozambique and international experts who are investigating the plane crash in which President Samora Machel died last month (Reuter reports).

But they did not bring the flight recorders which register vital information about the functioning of the aircraft, including cockpit conversations, the head of Mozambique's inquiry team, Judge Paulo Muchango, said.

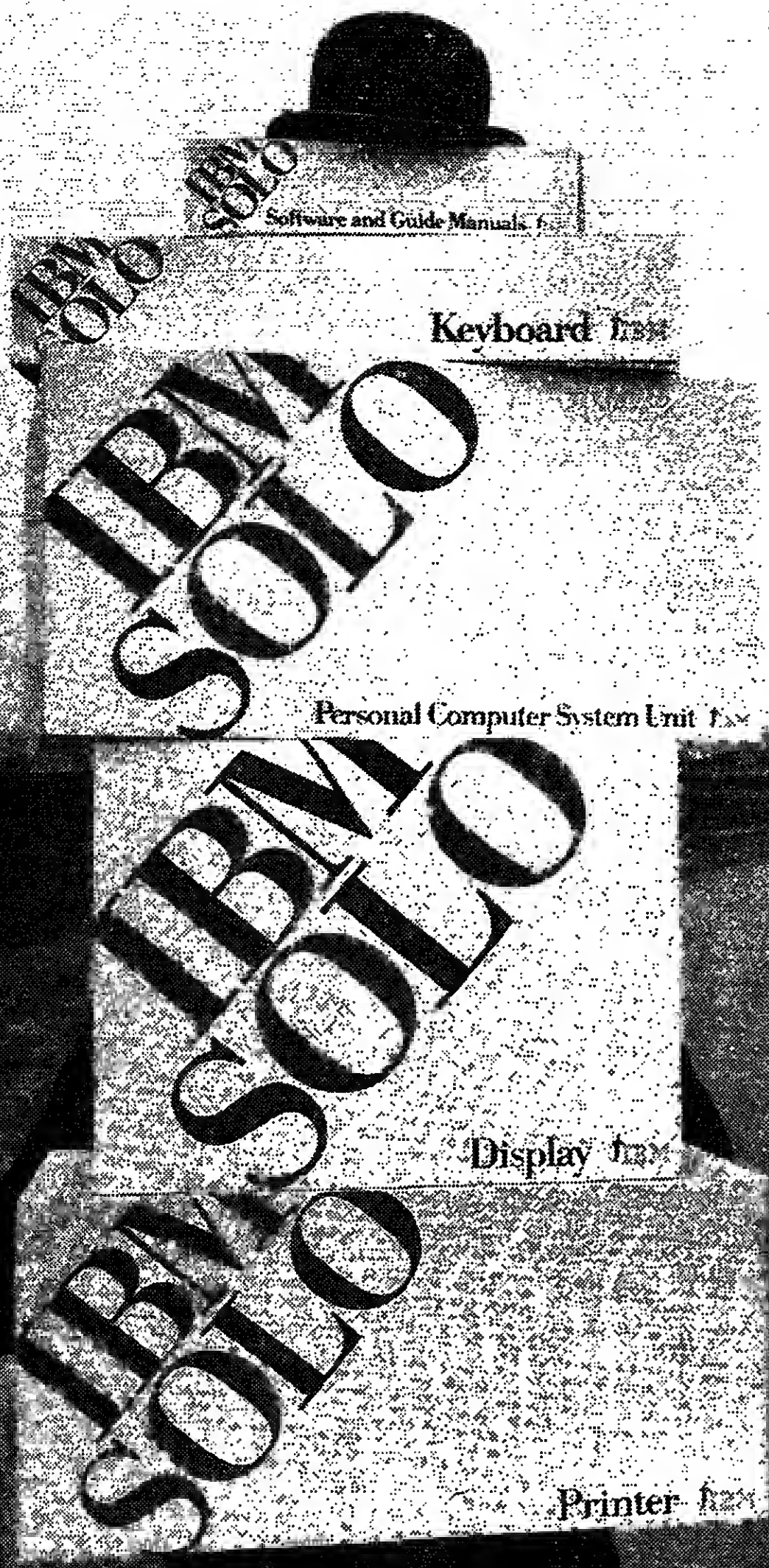
A commission set up to investigate the crash by Mozambique, South Africa and the Soviet Union, builders of the Tupolev Tu 134 jet, has bogged down on Pretoria's refusal to hand over the flight recorders either to Mozambique or the Soviet Union.

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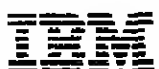
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